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MASS PICKETING RESUMED IN SALINAS; CITIZENS, LABOR, FARMERS AID STRIKE

PROGRESSIVE ACTIONS SWEEP CAL. AFL MEET

CIO Suspension Hit; Fascism, War Are Assailed

SACRAMENTO — When the Thirty-seventh annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor closed last Friday night, nearly every resolution submitted or endorsed by the progressives had been passed. Many of these resolutions were adopted to the accompaniment of great applause, revealing the great progressive growth in organized labor's ranks in California.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution amid a great ovation of cheers and applause demanding that the American Federation of labor executive council rescind its suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions. Eighteen resolutions against the C.I.O. suspension had been submitted.

The C.I.O. resolution which was adopted was strengthened by the adidtion of a resolve that the C.I.O. delegates be seated at the A.F.L. national convention at Tampa in November.

Among the most important of the resolutions adopted by the convention were:

A resolution which pledged to "resist the entry of the United States into a war of aggression." When a delegate asked what was meant by the word "resist," Delegate Gillette of the Los Angeles Musicians' Union, reporting for the Resolutions Committee, replied: 'The only way we can resist—through mass action."

The solidarity of organized labor with the Spanish People Front and against Fascism was revealed in a striking way, in the convention's actions on two resolutions regarding Spain. A resolution introduced by Delegate Paul Stein, of Cloakmakers Local 8, San Francisco, asking

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FORD SPEAKS NEXT MONTH

Plan 4 Calif. Meets For C.P. Nominee

Enthusiastic preparations for gigantic meetings for James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President of the United States, are going forward in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Ford will speak first in his California tour at San Francisco's Dreamland Auditorium, Post and Steiner Streets, on Wednesday, October 7th, at 8 p. m. Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate for Congress in the 5th District, will be chairman.

The following night, the famed Negro leader will speak across the bay in Oakland at the Municipal Auditorium Theater, 12th and Fallon Streets.

Los Angeles has arrangements under way for a huge Ford meeting on October 11th, 8 p. m., at the East Side Auditorium, 3400 Pico Street, near 9th and Lorena Streets.

Hear Leech Speak On The Radio

Open meetings in homes, with friends and neighbors invited, are urged to be held for the following broadcast:

In Los Angeles, John Leech, Communist candidate in the 17th Congressional District, will speak on local issues over KMTR, 8-8:15 p.m., on Thursday, September 24th.

VOLUNTEERS POUR IN FOR FIGHT AGAINST FASCISTS



Photo shows workers and farmers enlisting at Madrid in the Workers' Militia, which has become the backbone in the war against the Fascist armies in Spain. Women as well as men volunteer to give their lives, if need be, for the defense of democracy in Spain. The Workers' Militia has become a firm, well-disciplined People's Army, fighting one of the most heroic battles the world has ever seen.

National Program Agreed On At ILA Meet In N. Y.

SAN FRANCISCO — Contrary o widespread reports given credence by the capitalist press, Atlantic Coast and Gulf longshoremen have signed no new agreements with shippers there.

Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast District I.L.A. President, who has been in New York conferring with J. P. Ryan and other I.L.A. officials, in adidtion to denying that new working agreements had been signed, declared none would be signed until West Coast demands for wage increases and other improvements on old agreements are met.

Pacific Coast longshoremen, meanwhile had voted 96 per cent against unconditional arbitration of shipowners' proposals, it was announced from the Seattle headquarters of the union Saturday.

National Federation

The I.L.A. conference in New York, initiated by Harry Bridges

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Shippers Break SUP Negotiations

SAN FRANCISCO.—Most recent provocative action of the shipowners in the present waterfront crisis was abruptly to break off negotiations for a new agreement with the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

In accordance with provisions of the 1934 award the Sailors Union had asked separate but identical agreements with each shipping firm. The employers are demanding a blanket agreement covering all lines.

Such a blanket agreement would place the shipowners in a position where they could declare the entire agreement had been "violated" in case of a dispute aboard a single ship.

Shippers Provoke

Shippers took the initiative in terminating negotiations with the Sailors.

The employers already had broken with the International Longshoremen's Association and the Marine Cooks and Stewards. The Marine Firemen are continuing discussions with the steam schooner operators who have set the date for the signing of agreements ahead to September 25. The Firemen have not yet met with the offshore shippers.

Barge operators have refused to discuss new agreement with the Bargemen's Union. Local 38-101 of the I.L.A. They are awaiting action of the Waterfront Employers Association.

WORKERS WAIT MEXICAN ARMS FOR OFFENSIVE

Fascist Intervention To Be Protested By Spain

MADRID—With the arrival of the largest shipment of arms and munitions and planes since the civil war broke out, that from Mexico aboard the S.S. Magallanes, the Spanish government immediately started transferring the arms from Cartagena to Madrid.

At the capital, tens of thousands of workers' militia only awaited the arms before setting out for the front to launch a smashing offensive against the Fascists.

Complete demolition of the Alcazar, ancient fortress at Toledo where Fascists have held our for many weeks, was believed imminent, and would release many troops for the Talavera front against the Fascists.

Proposals of Syndicalists for general conscription and a decentralized government, were turned down as hampering the

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Hearst's Campaign Of Lies Spiked

NEW YORK—The Fascist lies of Hearst, claiming the Communist Party supports Roosevelt, were spiked here by the Daily Worker, national organ of the C.P., U.S.A.

What Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, had actually written, in a plea for a united front against reaction through a Farmer-Labor Paryt, said the Daily Worker, was:

"We Communists can enter such a united front with workers who support Roosevelt. Of course, we do not commit ourselves to Roosevelt in any way by this."

This statement had been quoted by Hearst, said the Daily Worker, but with dots of omission:

"The supposedly secret documents published by the Hearst newspapers could all be read in the Daily Worker in April and May, in their original 'English without Hearst's distortions and lies attached.

"We are an American party, making our own decisions, and have received no 'instructions from Moscow,' a la Hearst."

King Defense, With State AFL Backing, Calls Conference

SAN FRANCISCO — Backed formally by the State Federation of Labor, a trade union committee has made new plans to defend three members of the Marine Firemen's Union against what it says is a 'framed" murder charge.

The State Federation convention at Sacramento endorsed the committee of union delegates defending Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank J. Conner against a charge they instigated the "ship murder" of George Alberts in Oakland harbor last March 22.

Conference on Saturday

The defense committee has called a conference of all San Francisco Bay area unions for next Saturday, September 26, in the San Francisco labor temple to discuss the case. Approximately 200 delegates are expected to attend.

San Francisco union men contend shipowners inspired the

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500 Texas R.R. Workers Strike

GREENVILLE, Tex. — Five hundred railroad workers have struck the Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas and the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroads, for wage increases.

Engineers, Firemen, brakemen, conductors, and switchmen walked out. This is the first railroad strike in the United States of any considerable size in over almost 15 years.

Expose Brutality Against Orphans

ELDRIDGE. — Cruel and vicious treatment of boys in the Sonoma State Home for Children, at the hands of attendants, was revealed here as a committee of officials last Monday absolved one attendant of blame and temporarily removal from duty a second attendant, pending further investigation.

An x-ray showed that Joe Sanchez, 14, one of two runaway boys from the home, captured by the attendants, had suffered a cracked rib. Sanchez said he had been knocked down and kicked in the side until his ribs were broken, while his companion, Raymond Quesada, 14, was also brutally beaten.

The investigation was asked by Harry Lutgens, state director of institutions.

CAL. FARMER-LABOR PARTY TO BE BUILT

Convention Delegates Pledges FLP Work After Nov.

LOS ANGELES—Building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California was enthusiastically endorsed by the state-wide conference called by the Continuations Committee for United Political Action, set up following the May 10th, 1936, conference called by the End Poverty League.

By adoption of resolutions on policy and organization, 401 delegates from organizations with 285,000 membership pledged that hey are ready to work for a Farmer-Labor Party immediately after the November elections.

Upton Sinclair, founder of the Epic movement, entered the ranks of those building a people's front against reaction in a Farmer-Labor Party when he sent a message endorsing the activity of the Continuations Committee and urging unity of all forward-looking people to defeat Fascism.

A 12-point program, similar to that adopted by the historic national Farmer-Labor Conference held last May 30-31 in Chicago, was adopted by the delegates.

Support of the Salinas strikers was one of many important resolutions adopted.

Representation included delegates from 30 trade unions, 65 youth groups, 133 Epic organizations, 11 church groups, 13 professional groups, and many miscellaneous organizations.

IT HAPPENED IN SALINAS

More Highlights On The Strike

SALINAS. — Twelve siren blasts brought about 1500 vigilantes running into the National Guard Armory. It seems that "Czar" Sanborn, the self-styled "sheriff of three counties," had thought up the idea that 3000 longshoremen from San Francisco had decided to invade Salinas.

"Maybe we were fooled," one vigilante leader said later, sheepishly, when the vigilantes were sent back home.

Strikers who were injured by the deputized thugs found it difficult to get medical attention. The County Hospital is following a policy of buck-passing and delay, in order to avert outright refusal.

The shippers and their vigilantes even have the use of airplanes against the strikers. Capt.

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Bridges Demands Copeland Delay

WASHINGTON. — Harry Bridges on Monday demanded delay in the enforcement of the newly passed Copeland bill.

Longshore representatives met with Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady to seek clarification of the Copeland measure and of the ship subsidy bill.

The Copeland Bill is scheduled to start operation in November and, among other things, provides a continuous discharge book for seamen which would allow blacklist of militant men, in one form or another.

Vigilantes, Led By "Col." Sanborn, Itch To Provoke Trouble

CITIZENS OF SALINAS IN BIG PROTEST

1000 Hit Violation Of Rights Of Strikers

SALINAS—Again, on Monday night, 1000 citizens of Salinas met in the High School auditorium in protest against the raw tactics employed by the so-called "law enforcement agencies" during the strike.

This time, after hearing how Vincent Tucker, 33, a striker, had been blinded by a gas bomb, the Citizen's Welfare League adopted a 13-point protest to city officials. The protest demanded:

Withdrawal of firearms from deputized minors; disciplining any drunken officer; that Salinas be run for all citizens, strikers included; that no rifles be possessed by any deputies or officers; barring of the long-range bullet-gas gun; that no gas be thrown onto any citizen's property; that union men receive full protection by the sheriff's office; that the right to peaceful picketing be guaranteed.

"Col." Sanborn is reported to have left Salinas, Sheriff Abbott stating he would not return.

SUPPORT FOR STRIKE GROWS

1000 Salinas People Meet In High School

SALINAS. — From citizens, from the ranks of organized labor, from the small farmers has come support for the Salinas strikers.

Indignant at the unprovoked gas-bombings, beatings and shootings last Wednesday, by the state highway police, vigilantes, and local police, citizens reacted quickly.

They began to meet each night at the High School, to protest and do something about the brutality against the strikers and the endangering of lives of citi-

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Scabs Fooled Into Salinas Area

SALINAS.—Discovered to be a central hiring agency for scabs, the Spreckels Sugar Corp. began to yelp.

They denied the "rumor" that they have been contributing $2000 a day toward the employers' cause. It is reported that the Spreckels company has already contributed $15,000 against the strike.

Despite the employers' announcement that they would take back any union member who wanted to desert the strike, not a union member has gone back. This is admitted by the

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Raid Home of Kircher, Delegate To Sacto.; Rank and File Solid for Preferential Hiring Demand as Negotiations Loom

SALINAS—Picketing on a large-scale was resumed Monday by the lettuce strikers, members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union

Each day, since last Wednesday's attack by state highway police, vigilantes and local police, the strikers had demanded that picketing be resumed.

Their demands were ignored by A. S. Doss, secretary-treasurer of the union.

The resumption of picketing strengthened the hand of the union as the shippers and growers, State Labor Federation officials, and Fruit and Vegetable Workers officials were about to meet with Governor Merriam in Sacramento Tuesday.

The sentiment among the 4000 strikers is still that "We can't and won't arbitrate the demands for preferential hiring and equal pay for women."

The strikers state that arbitration on the preferential hiring demand would mean that their Union might be easily shot to hell by the Shippers-Growers Association.

The picketing on Monday was peaceful; the strikers showed steel-like discipline, and any trouble could only be provoked by the armed guards around the sheds, the vigilantes who patrol the streets of Salinas, or the highway police.

Each picket bore a sign, "Unfair to Organized Labor."

Over the weekend, the hundreds of fink-minded vigilantes, still rats despite the self-given name of "citizens' police," displayed many signs of wishing to provoke trouble.

"Colonel" H. R. Sanborn, of ill-repute to the waterfront union members through his Fascist "American Citizen," had come down to the strike area, and had announced himself as "coordinator of law enforcement" activities.

He called on citizens to form posses against the strikers.

He is reported to have led the raid on the home of George Kircher, Fruit and Vegetable Worker, while Kircher was in Sacramento as a delegate from the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union to the State Federation of Labor Convention.

He was said to have undertaken this raid on his own responsibility, backed by Salinas Police Chief Griffin.

Monterey County Sheriff Abbott denied that he had signed his name to any document giving Sanborn authority as "co-ordinator," though Sanborn claimed this.

E. Raymond Cato, chief of the state highway police, stated that Sanborn had no authority.

Griffin was the only one of the officials who endorsed Sanborn's activities.

This did not mean that Cato and the others had suddenly turned liberal; they simply resented Sanborn's "muscling in."

The Salinas armory is being used as a vigilante-recruiting agency. Sanborn the "Czar," self-styled "Sheriff of three counties" (Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito) has been presiding over the meetings of the vigilantes in the armory. Capt. Hepple, Salinas City Clerk, introduced Sanborn to the vigilantes.

Sanborn, and other officials, following the lead given last week by Cato and Gov. Merriam, have tried to incite a vicious, strike-breaking "red scare."

They announced that they had uncovered th presence of numerous Communists in Salinas, all but one of whom have been nowhere near Salinas.

Among those "discovered' 'are Elaine Black (who is openly here as representaitve of the International Labor Defense, and welcomed by imprisoned strikers); Malcom Ryder, Walter Lambert, Rudy Lambert, Myrto Childe, James Tracy, all of whom have been nowhere near Salinas. Fred West, of the State Federation, was also mentioned by Sanborn. He is not a Communist.

The strikers have been meeting nightly. They have not broken their ranks despite the atmosphere of terror that lay beneath the relative quiet from Thursday to Sunday, when no picketing occurred.

Characteristic of the terror atmosphere on the part of the vigilante elements was the sounding of a series of prearranged siren blasts on Saturday, meant as a "mobilization alarm" for the army of vigilantes.

Ironically enough, this came just a few minutes after Gov. Merriam's arrival here on Saturday.

There had been no disorder of any sort before the sirens sounded, and Salinas citizens were amazed by the "alarm."

The Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union was heartened further Saturday on receipt of word that the I.L.A. conference of all districts in New Yorw had named Salinas Valley lettuce as "hot cargo," not to be handled by I.L.A. members anywhere.

Similar word has come from unions throughout the country.

A maneuver used by the ship-growers in an unsuccessful attempt to weaken the spirit of the strikers is to run lettuce trucks past the Labor Temple, where the strikers gather (on Parjaro Street) and back and forth through the town, to make it seem as if plenty of lettuce was being shipped.

The strikers see through this.

They are heartened considerably by the support rolling in from organized labor. State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur gave the union a check for $1000, donated as relief.

GREEN CRUSHED AT TYPO MEET; CIO SUPPORTED

"Hindenburg Line" Is Crossed By C.I.O. At Convention

COLORADO SPRINGS — One of the sharpest stings yet was administered to William Green, in the overwhelming vote of support to the C.I.O. by the convention of the International Typographical Union.

The 80th annual convention of the powerful Typos pledged, almost without opposition, "moral and financial support to the organization campaign" being conducted by the C.I.O. in unorganized industries. Only one vote was cast against the resolution.

Green had appeared before the convention in an effort to prevent such support by the Typos. He had staked much on the results.

Charles P. Howard, president of the Typos, is also secretary of the C.I.O.

Green Rebuked

Green and the A.F.L. Executive Council received a sharp rebuke, when the convention went on record as stating that "the International Typographical Union refuses to recognize the authority of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to suspend any union or assess any penalty against it."

This power belongs only to a two-thirds majority, vote at the A.F.L. annual convention, the Typos stated.

Elmer Brown, leader of the New York "Big Six" delegation, started the snowball of C.I.O. support rolling when he announced his group would vote 100 per cent for the resolution. Brown is an outstanding progressive leader.

The I.T.U., with 80,000 members, was considered a test case for the C.I.O. Howard stated: "The I.T.U. is the Hindenburg line for the C.I.O. I consider the issue settled now and the rest of the drive a matter of routine."

S.F. Cops Violate Free Speech Right

SAN FRANCISCO — Police again did the dirty work of the shipowners and waterfront employers here last Monday morning, when they broke up an election rally at which Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate for Congress in the 5th District, was to speak, in front of the I.L.A Hall.

The police that arrested Ross Bill Bailey, sailor who tore down the S.S. Bremen's Nazi flag in the historic anti-Fascist rally in New York; D. L. Saunders, Sailors' Union member; and Leon Mosyofrun — the first three charged with "failure to move on" and the latter with "distributing inflammatory hand bills."

Exhorbitant Bail

At the demand of the prosecuting attorney, Municipal Judge Foley set the exhorbitant bail of $100 cash each and set date for fixing trial for October 7th.

A committee from the Inter-professional Association protested the attack on free speech to Mayor Rossi, as did a committee from the Communist Party headed by County Organizer Frank Spector.

To the demand that Rossi instruct his cops not to interfere with legal political meetings, he replied that he would "do nothing of the kind."

Another street rally at the same location was immediately announced by Spector for the following morning.

On Tuesday morning, Ross, Saunders and Anita Whitney, 5th district Congressional candidate on Communist ticket, spoke at the same corner. They were not molested.

Richardson Speaks On Radio Monday

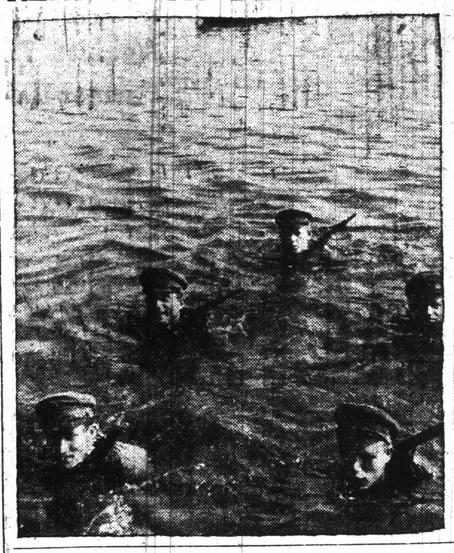
SAN DIEGO—F. L. Richardson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 20th District, will discuss the programs of his Republican and Democratic opponents in a 15-minute radio talk Monday, September 28th, 8 p. m., over San Diego's largest radio station, KFSD.

S.F. Cap Workers Winning Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—A break in the ranks of struck hat shops came with the signing by six out of eight manufacturers with the Cap and Milinery Workers Union.

The strike has been on since last week.

READY FOR DEFENSE OF SOVIETS



RED ARMY men in drill, packs on their backs, swimming across a stream during practice maneuvers. The Soivet Union, controlled by the workers and peasants, is menaced by threatening Fascists of Nazi Germany and by Japanese imperialists. But the Soviet masses, with their powerful workers' and peasants' Red Army, are ready for defense of their country.

WAREHOUSEMEN WIN IN 5 AND 10

Wages Increased To 62½ Cents An Hour

SAN FRANCISCO—By an almost unanimous vote of the membership, and with definite gains, Warehousemens Local 38-44, I.L.A., has ended its strike against the F. W. Woolworth stores.

Since the strike began on August 27, it has been marked by mass picketing, with the Warehousemen, Culinary Crafts and the Retail Clerks participating. Over 100 pickets have been arrested in the course of the picketing.

Under the settlement, through a verbal agreement, the warehousemen will be paid 62½ cents an hour. Before the strike wages were around $3-$4 a day.

The agreement is to remain in effect for a year, unless terminated by due notice from either side.

Cal. AFL Meet Is Progressive

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that the Executive Board issue an appeal to all labor councils and locals to contribute to Labor's Red Cross for Spain, was concurred regarding its general sense, and was referred to the Executive Board to work out ways and means of carrying the resolution through.

"The Spanish workers are engaged in a life and death struggle with their ruthless oppressors, and the defeat of the Spanish workers would be a terrible loss to the laboring masses of everywhere," read a resolution introduced by Delegate Presley of Carpenters Local 25, Los Angeles. This resolution, reading that "we advocate moral support to all who struggle against Fascism," was passed.

Demand C.S. Repeal

A resolution demanding the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and supporting the referendum and legislative campaign against it, was passed by the convention. It is significant that the special session on Salinas, last Thursday night, was adjourned in honor of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, on the motion of Delegate Moore of the Warehousemens Union.

The convention went on record for the setting up of defense committees to protect labor against vigilantes, and attacked the use of state highway police in strikes.

A resolution which proposed that the national guard be used "to keep peace" in strikes was booed down, and the resolution not concurred in. A delegate pointed out that organized labor did not want the national guard sent in a strike area under any circumstances.

Accompanied by great applause, the convention reaffirmed its belief in the innocence of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, and the secretary of the State Federation was instructed to see to it that Mooney Defense Committees be set up in each labor council territory. The defense committees are to raise funds, which are to go through the San Francisco Labor Council.

State Federation Secretary Vandeleur fought to have the funds placed in the hands of the State Federation Executive Board, but was defeated overwhelmingly.

For Herndon Freedom

A resolution was passed for the freedom of Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist and unemployed leader, serving an 18-20 year sentence on a Georgia chain-gang. The repeal of the "slave insurrection law" under which Herndon was railroaded, was demanded.

I.L.A. Stand Endorsed

The stand of the International Longshoremens Assn., on refusal to arbitrate such basic questions as the hiring halls, 6-hour day, etc., was endorsed in full, after a short talk by Delegate John Shoemaker, of I.L.A. 38-79.

The Newspaper Guild was endorsed, as well as the Seattle Post-Intelligencer strike, and it was decided that no reporter or photographer would be allowed to attend conventions, unless he has a Guild card.

Full solidarity with the 2000 striking East Bay machinists was voted, and the jerking of Machinists Local 284's charter by the international officers of the Machinists was condemned. This action was taken despite the committee's recommendation to non-concur.

One delegate stated that "we ought to pass a motion that nobody stab a strike in the back like that any more."

The American Youth Act was endorsed by the convention.

Recreation centers, similar to that of the Maritime Unions in San Francisco, were endorsed.

Labor Party Sentiment

While the convention endorsed Roosevelt for re-election, a wide sentiment for a Labor Party was shown.

No less than seven Labor Party resolutions were submitted. "Pedro Pete" Peterson, reactionary from the San Pedro I. L.A., reported on the Labor Party resolutions.

The sponsors of the seven Labor Party resolutions had agreed on a Labor Non-Partisan League resolution, which pointed out the need for independent political action on organized labor's part.

A proposal was made to concur in the resolution decided on by the seven delegates who had introduced the various Labor Party resolutions. Delegate Shoemaker of the I.L.A. 38-79 spoke for this.

The reactionaries unloosened all their heavy artillery at this point, both Peterson and Vandeleur delivering demogogic talks against the resolution. Vandeleur claimed that it would be like "stabbing President Roosevelt in the back" to pass the resolution.

The chairman, Coulter of the Oil Workers, then cut all discussion off, even though the seven who had introduced Labor Party resolutions had every right to speak on them. At this action Coulter, delegates rushed to the platform, and there were loud cries of "railroading," etc. Later Delegate Goldblatt of the Warehousemen scathingly pointed out how the defeat of this resolution had been steam-rollered through.

On the motion of Delegate Fred West, the convention, in appreciation of the refusal of Filipino lettuce field workers to work during the strike of packing-shed workers in Salinas, voted to assist the Filipino agricultural workers who are arrested during the strike.

An appeal, wired to the Screen Actors Guild by their delegate, Ken Thompson, newly-elected vice-president of the State Federation of Labor for support to the Salinas strike, was answered within two hours by a wire from the Guild stating that $1000 had been raised at once from among prominent leading movie people.

The state unemployment reserve act was endorsed, and employers were condemned for withholding funds from the act. Penalties were asked for this action of the employers.

Another important decision was one urging all Councils (like Building and Metal Trades Councils) to have agreements of affiliated crafts terminate at the same time.

The convention approved the putting into force of a campaign for the six-hour day.

(Other news and information, including resolutions of the convention will apepar in succeeding issues of the Western Worker. The next issue will contain an article by Roy Hudson.)

PROTEST CIO SUSPENSIONS

BROOKLYN — At the same time he applauded welding of 68 crafts in the knit-goods industry in one joint council, Manager L. Nelson deplored suspension of the militant C.I.O. in a letter to William Green.

National Program Agreed On At ILA Meet In N. Y.

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and the West Coast longshoremen, had reached an agreement on a program for a national maritime federation it was announced. The I.L.A. will petition the A.F.L. to grant charters at once to the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and the American Radio Telegraphers Association.

The national A.F.L. convention at Tampa, Fla., will then be asked to issue a marine transportation trades department charter, comprising all maritime unions.

Meet On Copeland Act

Longshore representatives Monday were to meet with Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper to learn the powers of the Copeland Marine Act passed by the last Congress and signed by President Roosevelt.

In a discussion of the act at which Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady was present, it was brought out that the bill empowers the President to appoint a maritime commission which would have full power to regulate hours, wages and working conditions and that these regulations would become laws which only Congress could repeal.

Attending the New York conference, in addition to the I.L.A., representatives were observers from the Marine Engineers, the Radio Telegraphers and the Masters, Mates and Pilots.

13 MORE ARE RECRUITED TO SHOCK-BRIGADE

Day's Pay Donations To C.P. Election Campaign

The number "13" isn't unlucky for the Communist Party election campaign!

Thirteen workers donated each a day's pay during the last week for the people's Chest Against Reaction to carry forward the campaign. These shock-brigaders are:

Let's Push Drive

Henry Pacutti, San Francisco, $5; H. Kramer, San Francisco, $2; Samaras, San Francisco, $10; Leonard, San Francisco, $2; Morrell, San Francisco, $5; T. L. Scholtz, San Francisco, $3; Helen Messenger, San Francisco, $1; J. Moore, Sacramento, $5; Lewis, Los Angeles, $1.60; Ashe, Los Angeles, $1.20; Shrier, Los Angeles, $5; Howard, Los Angeles, 80 cents; Hollywood Section, $15.

The State Election Campaign Committee won't care if it gets in 1313 donatilons of day's pay this week! Have YOU given a day's pay yet?

More shock-brigaders sold $5 coupon books, as follows:

Shock-Brigaders

Sacramento, $24; Alameda, $11.76; San Jose, $4; Romero, S. F., $5; Robret Smith, S. F., $5; Dubinsky, San Diego, $5; C. S. Capsalis, S. F., $5; Moscovitz, S. F., $5; Evelyn Pepper, S. F., $1.25; J. Saari, $3; Goodyear Section, 50 cents; Sacramento, $5; E. Cutler, L. A., $6; Hollywood Section, $20; San Fernando Valley, 40 cents; Downtown Section, L. A., 80 cents; Hollywood, $4.

In collecting donations, the Cotati Unit of the Communist Party has had to work in vigilante-ridden Sonoma County, but it tops the entire Party in California, having collected $63! Also in Sonoma County, Petaluma has collected $2.90; Santa Rosa, $12; and I.W.O., Petaluma, $5. Contra Costa County has collected $8.07 ,and San Diego International Bookstore, $2.22.

Other donations are from J. M., Pasadena; Nels Swanson, Brush Prairie, Wash., $2; B. R. Sobler and Frank Culvertson, Oceana, $4; Thos. Sheehan, S. F., $2; Kohn, S. F., 50 cents; Norenberg, S. F., $1.50; Unit 104, S. F., $3.50; Unit 106, S. F., $5; V. Mendez, S. F., $1; Golden Gate Unit 2, S. F., $2.50; H. Kramer, Unit 7, S. F., $5; Baruch, S. F., $1; Marta, S. F., $2.50; H.F.L., L. A., $1.

Mobilization Results

On National Mobilization Day, 20th Assembly District Campaign Committee collected $11.73; 26th Assembly District, $1.03; Juanita Turner, $1.70.

L. R., Mesa, has turned in 50 cents in a collection list.

Los Angeles donations reported include: W. W. Cantlon, $2; Boyle Heights, $18; Harbor Section, $43.36; 13th Congressional District, $10; D. B. Stone, $5; Elise Kingsley, $1; Downstown Section, $2.50; Jose Martines, 25 cents; Downtown Section, $10.38; Hollywood Section, $1.50.

Further donations for the fight against reaction should be sent to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

FASCISTS KILL CIVILIANS AT SIGHT



INHABITANTS OF the Spanish towns of Oyarzum flee in terror as Spanish Fascists go on a typical Fascist terror spree, shooting all civilians down who do not declare themselves as Fascists. In many towns controlled by the Fascists the entire adult population has been butchered for this reason. Such atrocities are typical of Fascism everywhere when it gains control.

SUPPORT FOR STRIKE GROWS

1000 Salinas People Meet In High School

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zens by gas bombing and shooting.

The first meeting saw only 40 citizens present. By last Friday night 1000 citizens were at the meeting. The meetings are continuing in the High School.

They sent a delegation to the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, asking aid in the setting up of an auxiliary committee against the police and vigilante brutality.

Wire after wire comes in every day from unions all over the country supporting the strike, says A. S. Doss, union secretary.

"For the first time in history," of William Green have sent wires he said, "special representatives to stop handling of all lettuce." It is customary to wait for a convention decision on this.

An appeal went out from the State Labor Federation that each delegate returning from the convention take up the matter of funds with his local.

Doss says that all merchants were approached by the union to repudiate a full-page ad in the local press, by the Citizens Committee (vigilantes and growers) attacking the union, and purporting to speak in the name of the merchants.

All merchants approached signed it. But the Citizens Committee has now set out to make trouble for them, through blacklisting.

Tracy, one of the shippers who broke away from the Shippers-Growers Assn., and signed with the union, was ganged up on by the Association and his mortgage foreclosed, putting him on the rocks.

Independent and small farmers are with the strikers, but are subject to tremendous pressure, similar to that brought against Tracy.

Waitresses in restaurants in which the vigilantes ate wanted to walk out on strike. Some of them quit rather than serve the rats.

You talk to small store owners, garage keepers, etc. and they are for "the boys and girls"—the strikers—they tell you, with emphasis.

Mexican Arms Go To Spain

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fight of the government for victory against the Fascists.

Unity Is Vital

It was pointed out that there are not enough guns now for those anxious to fight.

The Communist Party stated: "There should be only one power—namely that of the government representing the Popular Front. There also must be a single command to coordinate all operations according to the needs of the war.

"Our enemies move like one man to obey one single command. Discipline is our primary duty. Lack of discipline is our enemy. We must maintain discipline and obey one power and one command."

Protest Intervention

The Spanish government will protest to the League of Nations against support of the Fascists by Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Portugal, it was reported. The Spanish delegation to the League is declared to be armed with incontrovertable evidence that the Fascists are receiving "subterranean" aid from these three countries.

The government said an Italian aviator, captured behind government lines at Talavera de la Reina is being held as living proof of foreign support of the Fascists. Other Italian and German flyers have been killed in action by People's Front forces, it stated.

IT HAPPENED IN SALINAS

More Highlights On The Strike

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Hepple, City Clerk and head of the National Guard here, said that the vigilantes had sent out an airplane over the road to San Jose, to see if those 3000 longshoremen (figments of Sanborn's imagination) really were coming from San Francisco.

A signed affidavit by Granville Bill, 27, a striker, charges that he was beaten after being kidnaped by state highway patrolmen last Wednesday.

They pushed him into a state Highway police car, Bill says, and drove him toward Castroville. "That's where you ought to be," one of them said as they passed a cemetery. The three officers in the car kept beating him all the time, and told him not to let any blood drop on the floor of the car. They wanted to hide the evidence of the beating. They threw him off the car seven miles from Salinas, at Castroville.

"Col." Sanborn admitted he had no warrant to raid George Kircher's home. He had at first claimed he had a warrant. Kircher charges that Sanborn planted Communist literature in his rooms.

Stirling shed in Soledad, which handles carrots for shipment, has been closed down by the strike.

A big searchlight plays each night on the Poodle Dog Inn, behind which the union members meet. The floodlight comes from the Speigel shed. The shippers want to know what's going on but are afraid to come near the union meeting.

Teamsters Aid Monterey Strike

MONTEREY—Union teamsters have refused to drive through picket lines of the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermens Union.

The Deep Sea Union is on strike here for recognition. The canners have refused to deal with the Deep Sea Union, preferring instead the boat owners organization.

The Peninsula Central Labor Council has placed the canners on the unfair list. Pickets were withdrawn over the week-end.

Through incitement by the cannery companies, stones were thrown at Deep Sea Union pickets.

This action was assailed by Clyde Carter, secretary of the Peninsula Labor Council.

King Defense Gets Support of AFL Convention

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charge against King, Ramsay and Conner because the three were leaders in their union.

All Unions Asked to Aid

King is head of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Ramsay a former patrolman, and Conner was delegate of the crew of the Swayne and Hoyt freighter Point Lobos, aboard which Alberts was killed.

Testimony before the Alameda county grand jury in Oakland, which indicted the three, established definitely that none of them had anything to do with the actual stabbing. They are accused only of "instigating" the crime—falsely, the defense says.

The State Federation asked all its affiliated organizations—Central Labor Councils and local unions—"to give full support, including financial aid," to the defense, and voted to take the issue to the 1936 convention of the American Federation of Labor.

LIBERTY LEAGUE DU PONTS REAP PROFITS FROM NAZIS' RE-ARMING FOR WORLD WAR

Nye Munitions Investigating Committee Reveals Du Pont Link With Hitler, Showing Who Backs Landon

WASHINGTON—Du Pont Company's close alliance with the Nazis has been exposed by the Nye Munitions Investigating Committee, with the Du Ponts reaping a neat pile of profits from the feverish German re-armament campaign.

The Du Pont family is among the most notorious backers of the American Liberty League and contributed thousands of dollars to the Republican campaign fund in Maine to elect Landon-selected candidates. The Du Ponts talk "Americanism" but they mean Nazism.

Through the Nazi-Liberty League tie-up it was revealed that the Du Ponts, who have been paying their Fascist partners royalties on arms sold the U. S. government, are agents of German arms companies in the U. S. and have been charging the U. S. government exhorbitant prices for munitions in collusion with the Nazi munition-makers.

An international spy known as Giera or Peter Brenner, using Holland as his base, entered into a contract with the Du Ponts to smugggle explosives into Germany in violation of the Versailles Treaty. William N. Taylor, Du Pont Paris representative recommended Holland as the smuggling base because Dutc hofficials never inspected ship cargoes.

The Nye report states that since the World War, the Du Pont Company and the Imperial Chemical Industries, British arms firm also linked with the Nazis, "have renewed close relations with their German competitors" and that "although German munitions companies cannot sell abroad, American companies can sell for them and to our own government at that."

The Du Ponts own substantial interest in the principal German explosives combine, Dynamit-Actian-Gesellschaft.

Thus these apostles of "Liberty League Americanism" are aiding the Nazis in their plans to put the entire world under the heel of their bloody dictatorship.

Scabs Fooled Into Salinas Area

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employers.

A strikebreaker was reported in the boss press to have been shot by mistake the other day. Strikers state he was trying to desert the bull-pen in which the scabs are confined, as if in a prison, and he got out, but a guard shot him. The strikers say that most of those brought in as scabs were told that they were being sent to work in the canneries, and were not informed there was a strike. Many of them want to escape the bull-pen but are closely guarded. A second one was reported shot trying to escape last Friday.

One employer announcement said that ads for scabs would be placed in papers in Seattle, Phoenix, Ariz., Brawley and El Centro, Calif. The last three are lettuce centers

A special five-car train was brought in from San Joaquin Valley. It carried 300 strike-breakers. It was formed at Fresno by the Southern Pacific Company under orders of the Growers-Shippers Assn.

FRESNO.—Labor to be used in breaking the Salinas strike was solicited in the city park by city police here. One train load of 150 or 200 was gathered at Madera and way points. The train, under heavy guard, was routed to Salinas by Tracy, Niles and San Jose.

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

Hopkins Chosen Pres.; Bridges A Vice-President

SACRAMENTO.—In the final balloting for president of the State Federation of Labor, James E. Hopkins, San Francisco, of the Teamsters Union, was elected, with 33,032 votes.

J. W. Buzzell, of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, received 30,478 votes, and John Shoemaker, of ILA local 38-79 received 21,430.

The by show of strength behind Shoemaker gave him the balance of power in the run-off. Shoemaker spoke, pointing out that the Teamsters Union had supported the longshoremen in the 1934 strike and in the April, 1935 lockout, and that in case a struggle developes on the waterfront after Sept. 30, the ILA was counting on the support of the Teamsters again.

Shoemaker therefore announced that the Bay Area ILA votes would go to the Teamsters' candidate for President.

Buzzell took this to mean that all 21,000 votes for Shoemaker were to be given to Hopkins, although Shoemaker had specifically mentioned only the Bay Area ILA votes going to Hopkins.

Buzzell withdrew from the race.

A Los Angeles Carpenters delegate who seconded the nomination of Buzzell in the first balloting revealed the disgust with the reactionary policies of Buzzell, when he stated that "I second the nomination in the hope that Buzzell receives such a defeat that he never runs for office again. As for my opinion, Buzzell is better fitted to be president of a Chamber of Commerce than of a labor organization."

As reported in the last issue of the Western Worker, Robert L. Ennis, president of the Sacramento Labor Council, had been eliminated in the first ballot.

In the first ballot Hopkins received 33,562 votes; Buzzell, 23,929, Shoemaker, 19,647, and Ennis 14,585.

Vice presidents elected were: District No. 1, E. F. Nelson, San Diego; No. 2, James C. Coulter, Long Beach; No. 3, John Horn and Neil Haggerty, Los Angeles; No. 4, W. R. Patterson, San Pedro; No. 5, Kenneth Thomson, Hollywood (backed by progressives); No. 6, James Matthams, Santa Barbara; No. 7, Clarence E. Dowd, Fresno; No. 8, Walter Mahaffey, Stockton (backed by progressives); No. 9, Ros Mannina, San Jose (backed by progressives); No. 10, Walter Cowen and Harry Bridges (backed by progressives) and Joseph McManus and Anthony L. Noriega, all of San Francisco, District No. 11, Charles W. Real, Oakland; No. 12, J. Z. Von Tellropp, Pittsburg, No. 13, Charles F. Daley, Vallejo; No. 14, George W. Stokel, Sacramento; No. 15, R. F. Shipmen, Eureka.

Bridges received 50,027 votes; Mahaffey 50,022, and Cowen 32,589 (the highest cast for any candidate for vice-president.)

Long Beach was chosen as the 1937 convention city.

N. Y. FARMERS ORGANIZE

In striking contrast to their attitude a few years ago, upstate New York farmers are now voting to support a milk holiday, and organization is the keynote of the day. As late as 1933 northern New York farmers refused to support a milk strike.

SPEED DONATIONS FOR SPAIN!

With $250 yet to go on the $1000 quota, the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party urged that donations for Labor's Red Cross for Spain be speeded.

Recent donations include: Previously acknowledged, $717.81; A Friend, $5; O. B. and S. F., $1.50; W. Vardera, $4; C. N. M., $10; Martha, $2.50; J. L., $2; A Friend (Nevada), $5; Geo. Lasfelt, $1; B., $1; B. J. B., $1; P. K., $5—Total to date, $755.81.

Mass Meeting

LOS ANGELES.—Showing solidarity with the Spanish people fighting against Fascism, the Eastside International Labor Defense and one adult and two youth groups of the Workers' Alliance of California, have arranged a mass meeting for Friday, September 25th, 8 p.m., at 4005 Brooklyn Avenue, Boyle Heights.

Speakers will be J. Allan Frankel, I.L.D. attorney; Dr. Fabian Garcia, former attache of the Cuban Embassy; Jos. Turchinsky, Workers' Alliance; Wm. Taylor, Workers' Alliance; and a youth speaker. Admission is free.

LOS ANGELES.—Over $500 has been raised here by the International Workers Order for the Spanish workers and peasants fighting against Fascism, the local office reports.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Up at KPO the other night, we were listening to Comrade Schneiderman's radio speech for our Communist election campaign, in the station manager's office.

About five minutes after the broadcast started, in came a protest call. When the manager explained that the Communist Party is legally entitled to time on the air, the protester continually interrupted.

No sooner did the manager place down the receiver, than another protest call came in. And another. Although we couldn't hear what these Tories were saying, it looked like a put-up job; they all apparently put on a great "indignant" act.

Tell 'Em You like It

What's the conclusion? That the reactionary forces, as represented by the Liberty League, American Legion leadership, Chamber of Commerce, etc., are trying to drive the Communist Party off the radio.

They know the 1936 platform is attracting more supporters every day. They are afraid of our platform, particularly our fight to build a Farmer-Labor Party.

So, the next time you hear one of our Communist election broadcasts, why not call in to the station yourself and tell the station manager that you like it and that you like the idea of free speech and don't want any Fascist-minded "gentlemen" crowding out free speech.

Hearst and Marion

The following mythical "interview" deserves reprinting from the Daily Worker.

Question: "Why do you refuse to contribute to the Communist Party Campaign Fund?"

Answer by Marion Davies: "The institution of marriage is a holy thing. Communists want to destroy it. Liberty does not mean license. Communism will not protect young and unmarried girls like me, who prefer a pious, chaste existence to free love. As for me, give me a simple cottage at San Simeon with my books than luxury and wealth under immoral Communism!"

A Real Campaign

Perry Hill, our Communist candidate in the 3rd District, is doing a swell job in campaigning against the arch-reactionary incumbent, Frank Buck.

Hill reported at the State Convention of the Communist Party, held in the Sacramento Capitol Building last Thursday, that the trade unions were getting interested in our election campaign.

The Campaign Committee for Hill contacted nine trade unions in Sacramento, and six of them invited Hill to speak to their meetings on our platform!

Get Trade Union Support

Our election campaign and platform represent a bread-and-butter proposition to the trade unionists of California. We stand for the rights of labor 100 percent, and we fight tooth-and-nail the forces that are trying to crush the organized labor movement.

No wonder that Hill was well received by the Sacramento trade unionists!

All our candidates should take the good work done by Comrade Hill as an example, in conducting their own campaigns.

Only in the platform of the Communist Party will the progressive trade-unionists find a program they can conscientiously vote for; let's tell them about our platform and roll up a huge Communist vote against reaction and for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party!

Build Our "Western"

One of the best ways to get the progressive trade unionists to vote Communist, is to see that they read our Western Worker regularly.

Not only will they be interested in our election campaign, but they will also be interested in our news stories and articles about the labor movement, which reflect the upsurge of the trade unions for organizing the unorganized, and which give guidance to the workers in their struggles.

A mass circulation for the Western Worker means a mass vote for Browder and Ford!

Farmer Says Make Hearst Holler!

NEW YORK.—To the radio fund of the Communist election campaign from a North Dakota farmer, came a dollar and this rhyme:

A diller a dollar
To make Hearst holler,
It cannot come too soon.
So mail your money right away
And hear him change his tune!

VOTE FOR HIM!



PETER J. GARRISON
Communist candidate for State Assembly in the 26th District, San Francisco, with campaign headquarters at 629 Haight Street. A Browder-Ford Club is being organized in this district at the same headquarters.

Sweatshop Makes Sunflowers For Alf Landon

NEW YORK.—Landon likes scab labor. A sunless, non-union sweatshop here is turning out a half-million Landon sunflowers for the Republican campaign!

This charge was made by Manager Joseph Tuvim, of the Artificial Flower Workers Union, A.F.L., in a telegram to William Hutcheson, head of the Republican Committee's "labor division."

The Republican emblems are turned out by Kaplan Bros., 45 West 18th St., a non-union outfit which "has been in hot water with federal authorities because of its labor policy" and which farms out work "to home workers and contractors at miserable pay with no check on hours," wired Tuvim.

TUNE IN FOR THESE RADIO BROADCASTS!

Leech Begins Series In L.A.; Browder Talks Oct. 2

Communist Party Election Campaign radio broadcasts are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 24th—John Leech, 17th Congressional District candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 8-8:15 p. m. (First of a series of six broadcasts by Communist candidates in Los Angeles.)

Monday, September 28th—Sam Jaye, 20th Assembly District candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

Friday, October 2nd—Earl Browder, candidate for President, "Social Insurance and Unemployed Problems," on a national hookup, including KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; KFSD, San Diego, 7:45-8 p. m.

October 5th—James Garrison, 26th Assembly District candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

October 9th—Earl Browder, "Problems of Youth," national hookup, including KGO, KECA, KFSD.

October 12th—Anita Whitney, 4th Congressional District candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

October 19th—Lawrence Ross, 5th Congressional District candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

October 23rd—Earl Browder, KFI, Los Angeles, KPO, San Francisco, 7:45-8 p. m.

October 26th—San Francisco Broadcast, KFOW.

October 30th—Mother Bloor, KPO, KFI, 7:45-8 p. m.

November 2nd—Earl Browder, KGO, KECA, KFSD, 7:45-8 p. m.

Keep America Out Of War By Keeping War Out Of The World! Support The Communist Party Platform

(Editorial)

The fight against war is a life-and-death proposition for the people of California, particularly for the workers and poor farmers.

Never since 1914 has the danger of another world slaughter for the "glory" 'of capitalist profits, been so near as it is right now. And for the first time, the threat of war strikes right at the heart of California.

It isn't for nothing that the federal government is spending hundreds of millions of dollars on war preparations right here on the Pacific Coast, that the U. S. Navy is concentrated on the Pacific Coast.

An American delegate to the recent Institution of Pacific Relations at Yosemite, let the cat out of the bag when he admitted that the sole reason for the naval concentration in the Pacific was because of imperialistic rivalry with Japan.

In other words, the U. S. and Japan are getting set for a scrap over imperialistic spoils. And that means that California is threatened with armed conflict on its own soil.

How can we prevent war? The Communist 1936 platform states:

"Keep America Out of War By Keeping War out of the World!"

We Communists declare that peace must be maintained at all costs. We declare in favor of strengthening all measures for collective security, and favor economic measures to this end—sanctions—by the League of Nations against Hitler Germany, Italian Fascism and Japanese imperialism, the three instigators of war. These measures should be supported by our government.

We say that spending billions for armaments and war preparations is unnecessary and provocative, contributing to the danger of a new world war.

We believe that the U. S. should develop an American Peace Policy in close collaboration with the Soviet Union, based on complete prohibition of the sale or delivery of goods, or the granting of loans to nations engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. The huge funds now being spent for war preparations should be turned to the support of the suffering people.

We demand nationalization of the entire munitiins industry!

We demand an end to American intervention in the internal affairs of the Latin-American countries and the Philippines.

We demand strict non-recognition of the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and China, and the Italian conquest of Ethiopia.

We support the Puerto Rican demand for independence.

We support the complete independence and self-determination of all oppressed nations.

This is the 8th and final plank of our national platform for the 1936 elections. Read our platform, discuss it with your friends and fellow workers. Copies of our complete platform can be secured at one cent each from Stae Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters ,230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

This is YOUR platform, this is OUR platform! Fight for it! Vote Communist in November!

DEMANDS OF COMMUNISTS IN CAMPAIGN

California Program Adopted At State Convention

SACRAMENTO—At its state convention here last Thursday in the State Capitol Building, the Communist Party of California pledged itself to fight for the following state demands for the people of California, in the Legislature and in Congress:

Unemployment and Old-Age Insurance for All

1. The enactment of a state bill for unemployed, old-age, and social insurance, along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress, in place of the present Unemployment Reserves Act, which taxes the workers and does not insure the unemployed; enactment of a California Youth Act, similar to American Youth Act, guaranteeing work, education and recreation for the young people.

Defend Labor's Rights and Civil Liberties

2. Defense of Labor and Civil Rights. For repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law, and all other anti-labor legislation.. **For protection of labor's right to organize, strike, picket and collective bargaining,** and for outlawing vigilante terrorism and providing drastic punishment for same. Prohibition of use of armed forces or imported thugs as strike-breakers. Against any form of discrimination, and for equal rights for the **Negro people**, and for Mexican, Filipino, Chinese and Japanese people in California. abolition of compulsory military training in the schools.

Repeal Sales Tax—Make the Rich Pay!

3. For the Repeal of the Sales Tax. For the revision of the state income tax law to relieve small incomes and increase the tax on high incomes. For the exemption from taxes for the working farmer and the small homeowner. For increased taxation of public utility corporations.

Provide Jobs At a Living Wage

4. For a Minimum-Wage Law guaranteeing a decent standard of living to industrial and agricultural workers. **For the six-hour day and five-day week** for industrial workers, without reduction in weekly earnings. For abolition of child labor.

Put America Back to Work

5. The State and Federal government **to open idle factories to supply jobs for the unemployed,** and start slum-clearance, housing, irrigation, and reclamation projects. All public works and relief projects to pay the prevailing union wage scale.

Reduce Public Utility Rates

6. Drastic reduction of public utility rates, and cancellation of franchise of corporations that refuse to do so. Prohibition of the use of the one-man street cars, and for a 5-cent fare. No public power projects to be turned over to private corporations.

Start Drive To Get Municipal Bus System In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Circulation of an initiative petition for an ordinance calling for a five-cent fare and the setting up of a municipal owned and operated public transportation system, has been started, announced officials of the Municipal Bus League.

The proposal requires signatures of 17,000 voters to be placed on the ballot in the city elections next spring.

The proposed ordinance calls for a five cent bus fare with transfer privileges, reductions for school children and "additional rates" for longer distances.

A vigorous campaign will be waged between now and the spring elections for municipal bus operation, H. G. Atwater, stated, and all candidates for mayor and city council will be asked to declare themselves on the question of public ownership of the transportation system.

Prof.'s 'Red Herring' Is Pretty Smelly

WEST LOS ANGELES.—Dr. Frederick P. Woellner, University of California at Los Angeles professor, trotted out Hearst's "red herring" here last week in trying to answer an editorial in the student daily newspaper.

The Daily Bruin stated that the people want a man with new ideals for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, rather than a "jokester" such as Woellner, who is a candidate for the post.

Woellner immediately charged that the newspaper is "controlled by a radical element."

NOW PLAGUE OF PHILIPPINES



GEN. DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR (right), former strutting chief of staff of the U. S. Army, is now in the Philippine Islands building up huge armed forces and causing crushing taxes for Filipino farmers and workers. He's shown being made field marshal of the island army of President Manuel Quezon.

"AGONY, DEATH IN TEAR GAS"

Gases Used By Cops Against Workers Are Poison

LOS ANGELES.—"There is agony and even death in the tear and vomit gas used by police in breaking up street meetings and picket lines," stated a local chemist, whose name cannot be disclosed.

"Contrary to accepted belief, these lachrymatory (tear) gases are all poisons, and are dangerous weapons in the hands of irresponsible police, who do not understand or care about the harmful effects produced," he said.

The chemist went on to state that medical authorities point out that chemical compounds can not be judged according to gravity of symptoms and immediate effects, for evidence points conclusively that after-effects are produced that may and often do lead to serious respiratory, ocular and digestive troubles.

"The harmful effects of these gases are hidden from the average citizen through the lying statements of paid medical authorities," he said, "and through the fact that immediate toxic results are not produced."

Fradkin, in his "Air Menace and the Answers," states:

"Chemical experts and political experts vary in definitions according to their desires. Lachrymatory or tear gases have not been included in the general term 'poison gas' because they are being used in peace time against mobs. In mild concentrations a tear gas is effective for dispersal but just increase the concentration and you have a lung irritant sufficient to produce serious results."

Police tear-gassed a Communist election rally in the 13th Congressional District on Saturday, September 12th.

PHONEY BALLOT COUNTS ARE CHARGED

LOS ANGELES.—Charging irregularities in the ballot count, Epic Assemblyman Lee E. Geyer, defeated candidate in the 17th Congressional District, has challenged nomination of Charles J. Colden in the August 25th primary election.

William R. Barkley challenged the election of County Supervisor Leland M. Ford on the grounds that election officials did not conform to the law in tallying returns from the 4th District.

John F. Dockweiler's nomination in the 16th congressional district was also disputed.

Under the election laws, the Superior Court will canvass the ballots in the disputed districts and the decisions of the court will be final.

L.A. Technicians Are Building Up Their Union

LOS ANGELES.—One hundred and fifty interested persons attended the open meeting of the local chapter of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians here. Many present signified their intention of joining this trade union of the professionals.

The meeting was addressed by R.M. Schindler and Mr. Boris, graduate engineer of the California Institute of Technology who has just returned from the U.S.S.R.

The FAETC meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 4655½ Hollywood Blvd.

HEARST CARICATURE

Reports are that a group of liberal film workers are planning an anti-fascist film caricaturing Hearst.

LA FOLLETTE TO PROBE GAG

To Investigate Free Speech Denial To Earl Browder

WASHINGTON—Prompt and vigorous investigation of the action of vigilantes and Ku Klux Klan members in barring Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, from speaking in a legally rented hall in Tampa, Fla., a week ago Sunday, was promised last week by the La Follette Committee for the Investigation of Violations of Civil Liberties.

The case is "very interesting," said Senator Robert M. La Follette, declaring it would reseive "serious consideration."

Attorney General Homer S. Cummings admitted receipt of President Roosevelt's request to investigate, but declined to make comment or disclose plans for pursuing the case.

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes indirectly condemned the flagrant violation of Earl Browder's right to free speech, which was condoned by Tampa police officials.

Asked to comment, he said: "I stand on the bill of rights, and believe in the rights of free speech, free press, and free assembly."

Asked how his position differed in this respect from that of Knox, Republican candidate for Vice-President, he said that Knox "meant free speech if and when."

Tories Back Landon

NORFOLK, Va.—Attempt of authorities to explain seizing of the hall as a "misunderstanding" is a "ludicrous retreat before outraged public opinion," said Earl Browder, who is here for a speaking engagement.

"Our committee was in possession of the hall and the legal administrator had left, when the hall was seized by an unidentified person without authority," said Browder.

In his speech, the Communist nominee said Southern Democratic reactionaries are giving Landon "growing support."

"These reactionaries," declared Browder, "vote Democratic but they pray Republican.

"Growing Fascist attacks on civil rights in the South, such as the latest example in Tampa, are accompanied by a growing support of Landon. Their hearts and pocketbooks are with the open enemies of Roosevelt, the self-styled Jeffersonian Democrats who openly campaign for Landon."

Landon Seeks 'Unity' In Company Unions For Workers

NEW YORK.—Governor Landon's Labor Day radio speech for the "unity of labor," means "unity in company unions," was the predominant comment here among trade unionists.

The Hearst-Liberty League candidate failed to fool the progressive labor forces in New York State with his "labor talk," as the American Labor Party continued to grow in strength and numbers. More than 300,000 people have sent in application cards for membership in the American Labor Party already.

Thursday Is Last Day To Register

If you haven't registered some time this year, and if you don't want to lose your vote, register before next Friday!

Thursday, September 24th, is the last day to register under the state law. You can register with the Registrar or County Clerk in your county.

Register now and vote against reaction in November. Vote Communist!

PEOPLE'S CHEST BRINGS C. P. MESSAGE TO CAL. VIA RADIO

Anita Whitney Asks Funds For Another California Broadcast Popularizing Communist Election Platform

Scores of reasons for building the People's Chest Against Reaction, so that more Communist Party election campaign speeches can be broadcast over the radio, are coming into the State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

They are letters from workers, farmers, and middle-class people who heard William Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Communist Party, speak over the N.B.C. hookup of KPO, San Francisco, and KFI, Los Angeles, last week.

Vital Broadcasts

"These letters show what radio broadcasts mean to the fight against reaction, against the Fascist forces behind the Republican candidate, Landon," declared Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party and candidate for Congress in the 4th District, San Francisco.

"They show that we have to raise more money immediately to have another state-wide broadcast, which costs $300, so that we can reach tens of thousands more with our 1936 platform."

Youth Interested

One letter, from a teacher in Oakland, read: "Please send me all the information about the Communist Party and its platform that is available.

"The tsudents in one of my high school classes are interested in your platform, and if you have 38 copies we would appreciate it. Your party is attracting the attention of youth."

From a small town in Nevada: "While not affiliated with the "Reds"—so-called—I am in perfect harmony with everything you (Schneiderman) said. It was the whole truth. How in the hell did you get the time?

Many Sympathizers

"Send me as many copies of the platform as stamps enclosed will pay for. There are many sympathizers here but not organized that I know of."

Another letter, asking for the C.P. platform, came from the Fillmore Chamber of Commerce!

Other letters came from Los Angeles, Van Nuys, Redlands, Ontario, Santa Cruz, Hayward, Camptonville, Redwood City, Orland, Hollywood, Romoland, Long Beach, San Diego, Morgan Hill, Sacramento, Downey, Colfax, Loomis, Ventura, San Francisco, Corona. Many wanted dates of future broadcasts.

Funds for radio broadcasts, distribution of leaflets and pamphlets, should be sent to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

Herndon Appeal To Supreme Court

WASHINGTON.—The U. S. Supreme Court will definitely hear the appeal in the case of Angelo Herndon, Negro youth sentenced to 18-20 years on the Georgia chain gang for demanding relief for the unemployed, at its October session.

This was established when the International Labor Defense Attorney filed jurisdictional statement in the case with the court without objection from Georgia's Supreme Court.

The appeal challenges the entire constitutionality of the Georgia "slave insurrection" law, under which Herndon was convicted.

The I.L.D. has called for contributions for the $5000 needed for costs of the appeal, to be sent to 80 East 11th St., New York City.

Letters and resolutions demanding freedom for Herndon are urged to be sent to the Supreme Court.

Boycott Pinches Hearst, So He Hires Thugs

SAN FRANCISCO. — The boycott is pinching Willie Hearst in his pocketbook. That's the reason why four of his thugs attacked a man hired by the American League Against War and Fascism to fly a kite bearing the inscription: "Boycott Hearst, Labor's Enemy."

The kite was being flown on Labor Day on 46th Ave., two blocks from Perkham St. at the sand dunes, when the four thugs drove up in a sedan and badly beat the man with brass knuckles. The Hearst hirelings were frightened away when a plain-clothes policeman came from his automobile.

Despite this attack, the kite will continue to be flown.

BROWDER-FORD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SPEEDS

San Francisco Issues Challenge To Los Angeles C.P.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Under the slogan, "Communism Is Americanism of the 20th Century," the Browder-Ford Membership Drive of September 7th to November 7th, took San Francisco by storm here last Thursday night when a special meeting of leading Communist Party members of San Francisco challenged Los Angeles.

The following challenge telegram was sent to John Leech, C.P. organizer in Los Angeles County:

"One hundred and ten officers of San Francisco County, section, units and fractions, assembled at special meeting to discuss Browder-Ford membership drive, unanimously voted to challenge Los Angeles County to compete for State Executive Banner.

"Contest conditions are double the membership, 250 by November 7th, 250 by Lenin Memorial Day; to increase Western Worker circulation by 1000 by Lenin Day.

"To win banner, resolved to develop thoroughgoing competition among sections, units and membership with many valuable prizes to winners. Suggest holding similar meeting and acceptance of our challenge as soon as possible.

"Frank Spector, County Org."

Reports are pouring in from the field, for the week of September 7th putting Bakersfield in the lead. Bakersfield comrades, led by their section organizer, grabbed the bull by the horns and recruited eight new members.

Sacramento recruited 3; Contra Costa, 1; San Francisco, 7; Eureka, 1; Los Angeles, 1.

Each week, the Western Worker will print the latest news on recruiting, with the standing of counties and individual Party members during the drive.

The Alameda County Committee pledged to recruit 22 new members by November 7th, the 19th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The Sacramento Section Organizer pledged to recruit 12 by November 7th. San Francisco's leading Party members pledged to recruit 262. What are the rest of the comrades doing?

BROWDER-FORD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Communist Party
121 Haight Street
San Francisco
or
Los Angeles
224 South Spring St., No. 409
I want to join the Communist Party in your drive for 50,000 new members in the U.S.A.
NAME .....
ADDRESS .....
CITY .....

New Union For Bldg. Service Workers In San Pedro

SAN PEDRO.—Now affiliated with the Building Service Employees International, the Port Watchmen's Union has begun to take in all building service workers. P. Linnartz is the union's president.

Watchmen, janitors, window cleaners, ushers, ticket takers, elevator operators and other building service employees are among those now eligible. Window cleaners who recently affiliated with the union have already signed up several houses. The union numbers about 150 members.

FILM SHEEHAN BOOK

"Personal History," bought for films by Walter Wanger, will star Madeleine Carroll and Gary Cooper.

"CAN'T HAPPEN" ON STAGE

WPA will produce "It Can't Happen Here" simultaneously in 15 cities. It may yet reach the screen.

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Organized Labor Challenges Merriam

THAT the state is an instrument of suppression in the handls of the ruling class is again strikingly demonstrated in the Salinas strike, where the state highway patrol was mobilized by strike-breaker Merriam to smash the strikers' picket lines.

These patrolmen executed their duty of "keeping the state highway safe for drivers" by loosing attacks of tear gas and vomiting gas on striking lettuce packers on the streets of Salinas, aided by hastily recruited sheriff's deputies.

Merriam is living up to the open-shop traditions of the Republican Party and his own record in the 1934 maritime strike.

But organized labor has grown in strength and solidarity since 1934. The action of the State Federation of Labor Convention demonstrated this clearly, not only in the resolutions of support voted by the convention, but especially in its motion to institute recall proceedings against Meriram if he does not put a stop to the illegal terrorism of his highway patrolmen.

This A.F.L. Convention, the most progressive ever held in this state, thus demonstrated the growing consciousness of labor of the necessity for independent political action in defense of its interests.

Merriam's action is a clear indication of the policy of the federal government in strikes should the Republican Party score a victory in the presidential elections. Only Landon would call out the regular army to defeat any determined attempt of labor to carry forward militant strike action for just demands.

This flagrant scrapping of the constitutional rights of the Salinas workers must not go unchallenged. LaFollette's Senate Committee investigating violation of civil liberties should step in and assert the constitutional rights of the strikers.

The Parties Convene

CONVENTIONS held last week in the State Capitol of all California political parties on the ballot demonstrated the role of each in the struggle of the masses of California people for decent jobs and the preservation of their liberties.

Chief characteristic of both the Democratic and Republican conventions, outside of their rubber-stamp approval and support of their respective national tickets, was the inner struggle for strategic posts in the Party machinery, the fight for political plums.

The McAdoo forces steam-rollered their way to victory at the Democatic session; in the Republican convention, contolled by "Tear-Gas" Merriam and Warren, manipulator of the waterfront frame-up, Craemer and Shattuck fought it out for the chairmanship of the State Central Committee.

Reflecting the sectarianism of its platform, the Socialist Party session convened for a short time, with practically no discussion of the issues vital to the workers and the middle class of this state.

Sharply in contrast stood out the Convention of the Communist Party, where important issues were discussed, a fighting state platform adopted, and action taken in support of the Salinas strikers.

This convention,—a formal requirement of the State election laws—was fully taken advantage of by the Communist Party in order to mobilize its membership for the campaign in the interests of the exploited people of this state.

Knox and Ford: A Study In Contrasts

A STUDY in glaring contrasts will be afforded San Francisco workers when they turn out to hear James W. Ford, vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party, and compare his speech and platform with those delivered here last week by Frank Knox, running mate of Landon on the Republican ticket.

Both men are vice-presidential candidates—but there the similarity ends.

Knox was nominated by William Randolph Hearst, in token of appreciation of faithful services rendered during Knox's term of office as general manager of the Hearst press, and with faith in Knox's continuing to carry out Hearst's labor-hating policies from the White House.

Ford was nominated by workers from heavy and light industry ,small farmers, representatives of the exploited middle class, at the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party. The nomination of Ford, as leader in the striggle of the Negro people against discrimination and lynching, symbolizes the position of the Communist Party on the Negro question; it honors one of the most capable working class organizers and fighters for the demands of the working class.

Knox in his San Francisco address spoke proudly of being a business man; spoke in defense of the interests of business; aid nothing about labor's struggles for improved conditoins; was silent on the vital struggle being waged in Salinas by the lettuce packers against the open-shop; condoned, by silence, the union-smashing drive of the shipowners, whose headquarters are in San Francisco.

Ford will speak as a worker; in defense of the interests of workers; will deal with the struggles of labor in California against the attacks of the employers; will present the platform of the Communist Party, one based on the immediate needs of the people in their struggle against that Fascist reaction typified by Knox and Landon, by Hearst and the Liberty League, by Wall Street.

It would be extremely interesting to get both Ford and Knox on the same platform at a huge mass meeting—but we doubt whether Knox would agree to face Ford across the speaker's table—for obvious reasons.

Trade unionists, unorganized workers, unemployed, Negroes, white collar workers, professionals,—all are urged to turn out en masse for Ford's meeting throughout the state, to judge for themselves the candidacy of Browder and Ford, the platform of the Communist Party—**and vote Communist on November 3rd!**

The Red Herring Farce

The following is a reprint from an editorial appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle September 19th:

"Red Not Always Red

"Even when you see red it is not always safe to jump to the conclusion that it is red. E. Raymond Cato, head of the California Highway Patrol, saw red in the Salinas strike scene. He saw red to the right of him, red to the left of him and red in front of him. He reported to the Governor that the Communists had become so emboldened as to put the red flag at street intersections and along the highways. It later turned out that it was the officials of the State Division of Highways that were the reds. They had put up the red flags to carry out a plan of traffic checks."

The ILD Scores Some Victories

Among recent victories of the International Labor Defense is the case of Rdriguez, Bentzen and Perry, workers of the L. A. Young Spring & Wire Co., in Oakland. The three were charged with two serious felonies, "highway robbery" and "conspiracy to commit theft." The maximum sentence on conviction might have been life.

The case was dismissed after the hearing. Acting attorney George Anderson, assisted by Aubrey Grossman and Herbert Resner, exposed the frame-up nature of the charges in a two-day hearing, leaving the prosecution without a leg to stand on.

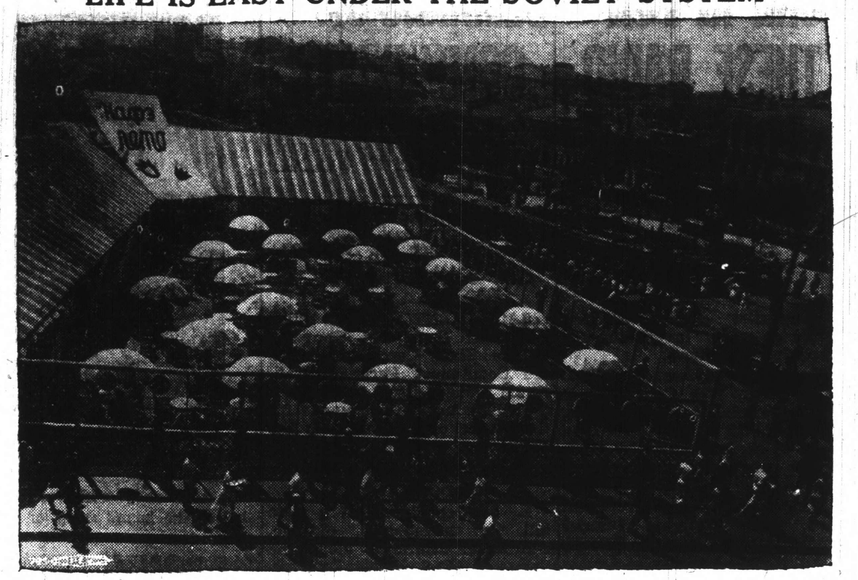
Charges Against L.A. Officer

LOS ANGELES.—Charges of inefficiency and accusation on moral grounds were flung at Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County health officer, here recently.

The sensational charges were made by women employees of the Health Department, who said they were forced to go on wild drinking parties under threat of dismissal or demotion.

Dr. Frank C. Crandall, who had been dismissed by Dr. Pomeroy, brought charges that Pomeroy was using his office for personal benefits. His evidence was submitted to Deputy District Attorney U. A. Blalock, who is later to present the results of his investigation to the grand jury.

LIFE IS EASY UNDER THE SOVIET SYSTEM



THIS INVITING SUMMER OUTDOOR CAFE is one of a series of such new places of entertainment built in Moscow in recent months.

How the Communist Party Trains Workers as Leaders

By HENRY KEAN

WITHIN recent months our Party has conducted two full time schools; the Los Angeles Training School and the Bay Area Training School, for training and developing leading personnel. Arrangements and plans are underway for the holding of a third and final school at the end of the year.

Training and developing Party comrades through such schools is one of the methods of carrying out the decisions of the leading bodies of the Party on the training and bringing forward of new leading people in the Party.

Need For Leading Personnel

Let us turn our attention to a consideration of the question of the training of leading comrades and the conducting of full time training schools.

Comrade Browder correctly emphasized the imperative and immediate need for high quality leading personnel in our Party.

"What is the central weakness in our work of building a mass Party along these principles of Lenin and Stalin?

"It is the insufficient number of political trained technically skilled leading people, the shortage of adequately prepared officers to lead the mass army which we are recruiting." (Report to the Ninth National Convention.)

He then called for more attention and guidance in the development of new leading forces.

Importance Especially Now

In California the whole question of training leading personnel for our Party is more important than at any time in our history.

Within the Party, as we continue to grow in strength and influence, we must have able comrades to assure the correct development of new recruits; we must have a personnel, trained and skilled, to meet the heavy demand upon our Party apparatus and forces, to make our Party a flexible mass Party readily capable of taking initiative in meeting new situations and leading in the struggle against reaction.

We are witnessing today a leftward swing of the workers and progressive forces with a growing demand for a Farmer-Labor Party.

On the other hand, we are faced with a growing threat of the reactionary forces. Consider the border patrol organized by Los Angeles Chief Davis, archservant of the fascist forces; the vigilante terrorists of Sonoma County; the notorious conviction of the Sacramento workers on the liberty-infringing Criminal Syndicalist Law, or the passing of anti-picketing ordinances and disaster plans which threaten the workers right to strike and picket all open and flagrant violation of the Constitutionally guaranteed rights and liberties of the people.

Add to this the union-smashing drive of employers backed by legal authority—the Modesto frame-ups, the terrorizing and intimidation of agricultural workers to keep them from organizing for better wages and work-in conditions, recently the framing of Earl King, and the never-ceasing attacks upon honest and militant trade-union leaders.

The uniting of the leftward sentiment of the trade unions and progressive forces into a Farmer-Labor Party against the forces of reaction and fascism, therefore, becomes the imperative and cental task of our Party in California.

To accomplish this task, to bring about unity in the labor movement, joined by the progressive and liberty-loving people into a Farmer-Labor Party, we must have "politically trained and technically skilled personnel." As Comrade Browder put it:

"The best policy in the world turns out in life to be no better than the people who must execute it, who must apply it to the thousand variable conditions of daily life. Application of policy among the masses is first of all a problem of securing a high quality leading personnel." (Report to the Ninth National Convention.)

What Kind of Forces?

What kind of people must we develop for leadership? We must pay close attention to our trade union comrades and comrades from the shops.

Special care must be taken to develop our women comrades. Leading Negro comrades, from the doubly exploited Negro people, must be brought forward and given the greatest encouragement and training. Also we must bring forward and encourage the development of members from national groups like the Chinese, Japanese, Philippinos and Mexicans.

Finally, effort must be devoted to the training and building our youth comrades in the Young Communist League. It is from these decisive elements that we must draw for training in the school.

The criteria in selecting and training leading comrades must be, as enumerated by Comrade Dimitroff, Secretary of the Communist International:

"First, absolute devotion to the cause of the working class, loyalty to the Party, tested in the face of the enemy in battle, in prison, in court.

"Second, the closest possible contact with the masses. . . .

"Third, ability independently to find one's bearing and not be afraid of assuming responsibility in taking decisions. . . .

"Fourth, discipline and Bolshevik hardening in the struggle against the class enemy as well as in their irreconcilable opposition to all deviations from Bolshevik line.." (Report to Seventh World Congress of the Communist International.)

It is with these points in mind, the training of decisive elements, with proven hardening in the class struggle, to carry out the task of strengthening our Party organization and winning the workers, farmers and progressive forces for a Farmer-Labor Party to extend our liberties and resist reaction, that our Party has conducted two previous full time schools and is arranging and planning for the third school. It is with these points in mind that we have set for ourselves in California the task of training 100 Party members by January 1937.

Previous schools functioned as Party units, giving the students an elementary theoretical training, including such topics as Party organization; the trade union movement, its past history and what is happening today; imperialism, fascism and war; the Negro question; problems of women as laborers; and the role of youth.

Leading comrades in these particular fields were used as instructors. A special feature of the schools was the use of the group study method, whereby preparation, study and discussion was conducted in squads of five people. Running full time for three weeks, these two school "graduated" fifty-four comrades who have gone back into their respective sections where they are carrying on much more effective work than before they attended the schools.

The State Full Time Training School for which plans are now being made, will be conducted in a manner similar to that used in the two previous schools. It will, however, run for five weeks instead of three. Forty people will attend the school, approximately 20 of whom should be trade unionists, 8 Negro, 5 women, 2 Mexican, 1 Japanese, 1 Chinese and five from the Young Communist League. With the completion of the State Full Time Training School, we shall have training by January 1937 one hundred leading comrades for work in our Party, thus accomplishing the task set by our Party at the last State Convention.

Arrangements and organizational plans are under way. Within the next six or seven weeks we must raise two thousand dollars in order to conduct the school, maintain these selected for attendance at a minimum health and efficiency standard, buy books and literature, and meet other costs.

Assistance Urged

Party members and sympathizers are urged to assist us in the drive to raise these funds.

Progressive trade unionists, for the value to the trade union movement of union members with a background for understanding trade union organizational problems that this school will impart, could well afford to contribute to making this school a success.

The State Education Commission announces that contributions can be sent to that office at 121 Haight St., San Francisco. Collection lists for soliciting funds for the school will circulate throughout the State. We now have seventy dollars on hand. From time to time columns of the Western Worker will carry the results of the drive in the various Counties, Sections, and units.

Forward to a successful drive for two thousand dollars to train workers for the class struggle! Forward to a trained and skilled Party personnel! Forward to a mass Communist Party!

Chamber Wants To Train Scabs

LONG BEACH. — Demanding that the Board of Education train the city's youth in the Building trades, James Bailey, head of the Construction Industry Division of the Chamber of Commerce, claimed a shortage of skilled labor in the industry.

He alleges that the older skilled workers after 6 years of inactivity are not able to meet the pace of the killing speed-up.

Bailey's demands included use of the apprentice agreement subject to the approval of an "impartial" third party to represent the "public" and that the apprentice be paid "a ratio of the journeyman's wage in proportion to his worth."

Bailey argued that "it is not of permanent benefit to the apprentice to set the progressive wage rate too high to begin with since this may cause the apprentice to take the attitude that he is working for wages rather than for permanent training."

The Central Labor Council here, which by the way is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is silent thus far on these proposals.

U.S.S.R. IMPRESSES DURANTY

"I am profoundly convinced that the U.S.S.R. is only just beginning to exercise its tremendous potentialities," writes Walter Duranty, famed N. Y. Times correspondent, in the concluding chapter of his book, "I Write As I Please," published by Simon & Shuster.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,

California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

An Open Letter To The San Francisco News

THE SALINAS STRIKE has brought forward a horde of red-baiters in the service of the employers, who raise the cry of "Communism" to cover up the brutal Fascist-like terror used against a strike organized and led by an American Federation of Labor union.

The Hearst press in its usual hysterical manner has made a hero out of that little would-be Hitler of California, "Czar" Sanborn, who is busy discovering "red plots" that do not exist, and warding off mythical "red invasions" of longshoremen and others, that are the product of a fevered imagination.

Repeating "Czar" Sanborn

It therefore comes as a surprise to some people who thought that your paper has disassociated itself from such hysterical red-baiting, to read Monday's editorial "Put Outsiders Out."

This repeats Sanborn's style of propaganda, as well as Hearst's, and does not fit your claim to be objective and "impartial" in dealing with issues before the labor movement.

You make two mis-statement of facts. One is by inference that the strike and violence is in some way due to the role of "Communist outsiders."

The State Federation of Labor convention has answered this in its declaration that the strike was called by one of its affiliated unions with legitimate grievances and demands for improved conditions, and that in exercising labor's right to organize, strike, and picket, the strikers were met by lawless violence and denial of the most elementary civil rights, organized by growers and shippers and their legalized vigilante bands.

It happens that this time good Republicans and Democrats are being clubbed and gassed and shot on the picket-lines, but it appears that the employers make no distinction and use the same vigilante tactics against them as against Communists, for the same reason, to protect profits and maintain the open-shop.

When you say "it would be to the advantage of the workers to persuade the Communists to retire" you are simply repeating a red-baiting canard which is used by the employers and Governor Merriam, which has already been answered by the State Federation of Labor.

Communists and Strikes

Your second mis-statement is that Communists "are much more interested in fomenting discord than in bringing the immediate dispute to a peaceful solution." We have repeatedly stated our position that we are not interested in "fomenting discord" and strikes for their own sake; we would welcome as would all friends of labor, a peaceful settlement of this or any other strike through negotiations and proper consideration for the just demands of the union.

But when a struggle is precipitated by the refusal of the employers to give such proper consideration to the workers' demands, and violence is directed against men, women and children by vigilantes as is usually the case, we join with all Organized Labor in defending the right of the unions to strike as a last resort, when all other means for settlement fails.

You are not serving the cause of truth by printing such editorials, which justifies the attacks of the growers and their hirelings on the strikers, by raising a "red issue" which does not exist.

Steel Trust Co. Union Boomerang

PITTSBURGH — Because the company unions are now proving a boomerang in the steel industry, President Fairless of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., informed the "employee representatives" (company union) that no wage increase will be granted at the present time.

The corporation had spread rumors of an increase in order to stop the march into the Amalmagated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

The flocking into this A.F.L. union came after the C.I.O. steel organization drive started. Now the company unions are planning to join the Amalgamated in a body, due to the C.I.O.'s progressive policies.

Over 100,000 are employed by this company.

OUT OF GERMANY

A musical show was playing to small houses in Berlin. In huge ads the producers offered 500 marks to any person who would write, for publication, his disapproval of a mysterious new feature that was about to be added to the show. The theater was packed for the opening of the new act. It was the unveiling on the stage of a life-size portait of Hitler.

FASCIST CASH FOR LANDON

$50,600 Maine Fund Is From Liberty Leaguers

NEW YORK—The Morgans, the Rockefellers, the du Ponts and other Liberty Leaguers contributed $50,600 for the Republican campaign in Maine, it was revealed by a senatorial committee investigating campaign expenditures, shortly before Governor Landon was to appear in Maine on a speaking tour.

Immediately the Democratic National Committee challenged Landon to discuss the contributions, which directly link the G.O.P. nominee with the Liberty League, in his Maine speech.

For Fascist Drive

The contributors to the Maine Republican fund are almost 100 per cent Liberty League personnel, as follows:

F. S. du Pont (No. 2), $5000; Lamon du Pont, $5000; Irenee du Pont, $5100; Henry B. du Pont, $2500; A. Felix du Pont, $5000; Abby A. Rockefeller, $3000; J. D. Rockefeller, $5000; John D. Rockefeller, $5000; Alfred P. Sloan Jr., $5000; Ann Archbold, $2500; J. P. Morgan, $5000; A. Atwater Kent, $1000; W. H. White, Republican candidate for Senator, $2000; Fred Hale, Republican Senator, $1000.

Other contributions through the Republican National Committee amounted to $22,859.95.

State Patrolmen's Fingers Itched

SALINAS. — The Growers-Shippers Association erected barricades around nine sheds in Salinas that are all grouped together. Outside, along the fences ride thugs on horseback. They pack 30-30 rifles and have six-guns strapped around their waists. Along the sidings are Pullmans to house the strike-breakers.

The workers picketed outside the fence unarmed but throughout the entire picket line they stand united for common struggle.

Inside of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union are committees which swing into action at the drop of a hat. A workers police department was set up to watch for growers' agents and to keep order among the ranks of the workers.

State Police Fingers Itched

Not one member of the union is armed or wants to be armed, yet the State Police vigilantes continued attempts to create riots so that they can shoot into the ranks of the workers.

The mayor of Salinas was asked to run the thugs out of town. He replied no thugs were in Salinas when several sheds had from seven to ten armed guards in full view of the pickets.

One day a scab truck drove up and down the highway trying to get workers to attack it. This tactic failed and State Police Patrol car loaded with machine guns and rifles which trailed the trucks did not get its chance for target practice that day.

The workers have scouts patrolling the entire district and report back to headquarters every time some phoney move is made by the Growers' stooges.

ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT

"The U.S.S.R. is now economically and financially independent; it has the largest and perhaps the most powerful army in Europe; it has vast territory and resources which it is learning to develop and use."—Walter Duranty in "I Write as I Please."

ORGANIZATIONAL DRIVE

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees is demanding unionization of independent theaters in the Hollywood area.

BIG BUSINESS MEN TRUTHFUL AMONG SELVES

Admit Popular Front Success, C.P. Prestige

When the big open-shoppers, financiers and capitalists talk to each other about political and economic situations, they don't kid themselves as they do the public through their newspapers, magazines, etc.

How true this is can be seen in the Kiplinger and Whaley-Eaton confidential letters to American financiers and "captains of industry."

Here are some recent items from these confidential letters:

Japan Fears Truth

Deep worry on the part of the Japanese imperialists is shown by recent increases of gag legislation against expression. Cause for this is increased fear over the success of news events broadcast in the native tongue from Soviet Siberian radio stations and eagerly listened to by Manchukuoans and Japanese. Five of these new stations get thousands of Japanese listeners who pay no attention to the uninteresting drivel broadcast by their own stations.

The death of sanctions against Mussolini was accurately foreseen as the beginning of a rich harvest for American exporters and financiers.

Most threatening are the effects of French Popular Front success on the British Labor Party rank-and-file. The Whaley-Eaton Service expresses fears that leadership of this type, crystallizing under such men as British Labor's Atlee (Member of Parliament) is "very threatening."

No "Putsch" In France

A very clear analysis states that an attempt of French Fascists to seize power would be very unlikely to succeed, due to Fascism's absence of good leaders and mass support. It is admitted that "French Communism would probably protect the rights and property of the small farmer and merchant."

Increasing prestige of the Communists in France is shown by the admission that Socialist Premier Blum "must look to the left wing of the Popular Front for his major support.

"The French Communists have exhibited their strength through the medium of thoroughly organized and disciplined strikes. It is clearly evident that this group, free of government responsibility, will be the most effective and dangerous in the Chamber of Deputies. . . ."

Shanghai Veterans Block Japanese "Investigation"

SHANGHAI.—Members of the famous Nineteenth Route Army, valiant defenders of Shanghai against Japanese imperialist aggression four years ago, are blocking attempts by Japanese and by pro-Japanese Chinese to "investigate" the alleged mob killing of a Japanese national at Pakhoi, it is reported.

One Chinese newspaper here reported the Shanghai veterans already had clashed with a Japanese naval landing party.

The Nineteenth Route Army has refused to leave Pakhoi, as demanded by Japan, and is strongly anti-Japanese in sentiment.

Japan Whips Up War-Fever By Religions

How the pro-Fascist imperialist rulers of Japan are using all avenues of propaganda to further their ends through the native religions, is unwittingly described by Christian missionaries in Japan (in the Foreign Missions Year Book of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. 1935).

"Since 1931, the indigenous (native) faiths," says the report, "have harnessed their institutions and activity to the ever-raising tide of nationalism, and have ridden into unprecedented favor with all classes of the population.

"They themselves and the **popular press** have pronounced the phenomenon a nation-wide religious renaissance."

300 Per Cent Growth

One Shinto sect has grown 300 per cent in the last ten years, and Buddhism almost as much.

"One of the most noticeable developments is that of Emperor worship. At the entrance of every government school, there has been erected a shrine at which every pupil and teacher is required to bow upon entering and leaving, and one at every government office, before which officials and employees must worship at set times each day."

In these and many other ways all the forces of reaction use religious superstition, the press, the radio, the schools, and all other avenues of information and propaganda to forward their pro-Fascist, imperialist, pro-war policy.

Mexico Unions Win Better Contracts Than U.S. Unions

MEXICO CITY.—With 65 per cent of all oil workers enrolled, the Oil Workers Union of Mexico, an industrial union, now has 18,000 permanent workers and 10,000 part-time workers in the union, says Secretary Eduardo S. Innes.

"Our contracts with the eight companies are better than the union on the American side has been able to get," said Innes.

Shell Oil Company recently accepted a new union contract, averting what was threatened as a general strike in the oil fields. Other companies signed up are Standard of New Jersey, Standard of California, Sinclair, Penn-Mex., Richmond, and Petro-Mex. Mexican government owns 60 percent of the Petro-Mex. stock.

Innes recently toured the U.S. with a delegation from the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM).

Report Bukharin and Rykoff Exonerated In Investigation

MOSCOW.—Nikolai Bukharin and Alexei Rykoff have been exonerated of any connection with the Trotskyist murder plot against Soviet leaders, it was reportedly announced by the office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Soviet Union.

The report said investigation developed no evidence warranting their trial, and the cases have been closed. Bukharin and Rykoff were mentioned by I. Reingold, one of the terror plotters recently executed, in his testimony at the trial.

No news was reported as to Karl Radek, likewise mentioned during the trial of the 16 Trotzkyists.

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FARM TRACTORS AID SPAIN'S ANTI-FASCISTS



THE PEOPLE'S FRONT ARMY took over farm tractors along the Aragon front in Spain to draw heavy artillery into place for bombardment of Fascist strongholds. Steep mountain sides nearby made the fighting more difficult, but the spirit of the People's Front forces is such that no difficulties are too great to be overcome.

HITLER DROPS OLD DEMAGOGY

Gives 'Competition In Business' A Clean Bill Of Health

NURNBERG, Germany—Hitler reversed one of his oldest demagogic appeals at the Nazi Party Congress here when he scotched completely the old line against "the evils of capitalist monopoly and gave "competition in business" a clean bill of health.

Denying government control over industry was being figured on, the Fascist dictator denounced all control of capitalism as "bureaucracy."

Thinking of the days when the Nazis bitterly attacked the evils of capitalism to gain votes, one listener asked:

Weak Answer

"But does not the National Socialist conception of economy involve restrictions on free enterprise?"

Hitler answered weakly:

"Of course, wherever private interests clash with interests of the nation, the good of the community must come before the profits of the individual."

With this change of line, Hitler was still further exposed before the masses of the German people whom he had tricked with demagogic attacks against finance capital.

Anti-Japanese Army In Eastern Hopei

TIENTSIN, China.—Organization of an anti-Japanese and anti-Yin Ju-ken movement in the Eastern Hopei area, has been started by a secret group formed in Luachow.

Yin Ju-ken is head of the puppet regime set up in this region by the Japanese last year.

Activities are now being conducted by members of this group to instigate a people's movement in the 22 districts of Eastern Hopei.

600,000 Mexican Workers Now In C.T.M.

MEXICO CITY — Formed last February to replace the degenerate old Mexican Regional Confederation of Labor (C.R.O.M.), the Confederation of Mexican Workers (C.T.M.), already dominates the labor scene in Mexico, with 600,000 members. The C.R.O.M. has but 10,000 members.

About 70,000 union miners, who helped to form the C.T.M., are temporarily out because their secretary, Guzman, entered a political deal with the former Mexican president, Portes Gill, recently ousted from the National Revolutionary Party. However, the miners are expected back in the C.T.M. within a few months.

Anti-Fascist Program

The C.T.M. is vigorously pushing its program for higher wages, closed shop and a general anti-Fascist and anti-imperialist platform for the benefit of the workers and peasants.

The confederation is affiliated with the International Federation of Trade Unions, and its program is definitely of the industrial union type, with something of a socialist outlook.

Because of the necessity for defense against gunmen, hired by reactionary interests, Mexican labor leaders are forced to carry revolvers slung from their armpits under their coats.

Most recent attacks by gunmen on labor and government leaders have been traced to Spaniards living in Mexico who are identified with the Spanish Fascists now trying to overthrow the government of Spain. Immediate reason for the attacks is that the Mexican government exercised its legal right under international law to sell munitions to the Spanish government.

CORRECT, MR. DURANTY

"Am I wrong in believing that Stalin is the greatest living statesman and that Litvinov is the ablest foreign minister?"—Walter Duranty in "I Write as I Please."

BRITISH TURN ON GERMANY

Pro-Nazi 'Times' Hits Hitler Demand For Colonies

LONDON.—Alert to their own imperialist interests, British capitalists reacted sharply to Hitler's proclamation of Germany's "right to colonies" during the Nazi Party Congress.

Even the London Times, which has been strongly "sympathetic" to Germany, flayed the Nazi "fuhrer" when the demand for return of Germany's old colonies was again brought up.

"Germany, after all, appealed to the sword in 1914," said the Times, "and as a consequence lost her colonies."

The reactionary newspaper said there is "no thought of yielding British posessions or mandates to Germany," and added that the more the subject is pressed in Berlin, the more it turns British friends into enemies.

TREATY SEEKS TO SMASH NAZI PLOT

PARIS. — Apparently moving against Nazi penetration among the Arabs for the purpose of establishing Germany in North Africa with military and naval bases, France has worked out a treaty with Syria which provides establishment of an independent Syria under French military supervision.

The treaty also means a division of the present Syrian mandate into two separate states. Negotiations now will be initiated for a similar treaty between France and Lebanon.

The Nazis, who are now establishing themselves through the Spanish Fascists in Spanish Morocco, are seeking to move against both France and Great Britain in North Africa.

LIFT BOYCOTT AGAINST LEGAL SPANISH GOVT.

French C.P.'s Letter To Socialists On Spain Situation

PARIS—Underscoring the fact that Germany and Italy continues to supply the Fascists in Spain with war materials, while the policy of so-called neutrality actually amounts to a blockade against the Spanish government, the Secretariat of the French Communist Party has issued an open letter to the leadership of the French Socialist Party.

The letter points out the necessity of immediately repelling Hitler and Mussolini from actual intervention in Spain, and of securing normal trade relations with the legitimate Spanish government.

In connection, the French C.P. suggested that a special session of the Coordination Committee of both parties be called to discuss Spanish problems.

Replying for the Socialist Party, Paul Faure fully agreed that: "The Spanish question deeply concerns not only the Communists and Socialists, but the entire French Popular Front. Therefore, the Socialists are in favor of calling not the Coordination Committee, but a special session of the committee of the entire Popular Front."

PARIS—A French newspaper correspondent in Germany, reports that the ex-King of Spain, Alfonso, and a number of his stooges, are now in Germany, indicating conferences with Hitlerite leaders.

LONDON—The first detachment of the Volunteer Medical Corps, organized by trade unions, has left for the Spanish Republican Front. There were so many volunteers that hundreds had to be turned down.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine—Local labor organizations have collected over $25,000 as a special fund to aid the Spanish government against the Fascists.

NAZI WAR PLANS ARE OBVIOUS

MOSCOW. — Hitler's "peace" proclamations do not hide his militaristic designs, stated Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

"What remains of the peaceful assurances after his declaration that Krupp had worked hard for the renaissance of Germany?" asks Pravda. "Nothing except an admission of an armament race—or perhaps Krupp is making not cannons and tanks but baby carriages and toy rifles."

Hitler's anti-Soviet speech at the Nazi Congress "failed to live up to the advance notice as a world-shaking sensation," said Izvestia, government newspaper, "but was a dull and trivial performance."

C.I.O. WINS PRINTERS' SUPPORT

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Endorsing aims and activities of the C.I.O. Printers' Union No. 15 "unqualifiedly supports and approves the activities of President Chas. Howard as a member of that committee."

Real Revolutions Do Not Need Any Justification

". . . Real revolutions, however harsh they may be, do not need justification, because they lift the people who bring them about and the whole of mankind as a consequence to a higher stage of human civilization.

"But the reason why the bloody orgy of the Fascists cannot be justified is that it reduced the great German people to the level of barbarism."

—Georgi Dimitroff, General Secretary of the Communist International, in "Reply to Herr Ribbentrop."

Quicksilver Mines Boom With Civil War In Spain

LOS ANGELES — Visioning World War prices of $280 per flask of quicksilver, Los Angeles capitalists are rushing engineers to the Santa Ynez River country in an effort to cash in on Spain's civil war.

With Spain's cinnabar miners locked in bloody struggle against the Fascists, a quicksilver boom has sprung up here. For years much of the quicksilver used here and elsewhere has been imported from Spain; and now that its world trade is being gobbled up by capitalists everywhere, those in Los Angeles are doing all they can to grab their share.

War Material

Prospectors and mining engineers are sent in a mad scramble for new deposits for that precious war material cinnabar, from which quicksilver is produced.

One group, from Santa Barbara, headed by B. P. DeMandal, has taken over four cinnabar claims in Cachuma Canyon, and expects to have a reduction plant in operation within thirty days.

The metal has been selling as low as $74.50 a flask, but with the imminence of a European war, it has jumped to $100 and $140 per flask.

ARMS MAKERS CAUGHT IN SABOTAGE

PARIS.—Sabotage, playing into the hands of the German Nazi war-makers, was disclosed here when French government officials announced they would prosecute Schneider & Company, huge arms manufacturers, on charges of poor work on armaments for France.

Similar charges were announced against manufacturers of torpedo tubes, who had sold defective tubes to the government.

The Schneider interests are known to be financing and backing Fascist movements in France, which are cooperating closely with German Nazis.

The munitions industry is now being nationalized in France.

IT'S CALLED "JUSTICE!"

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — It seems there's a different law for rich and poor here. Two young fellows who netted $214 in holdups were arraigned and sentenced to 50-100 years in prison within one day. For misappropriating $100,000, three county commissioners, Republicans, only had to serve a little over one year in jail.

MEXICO UNION WINS COTTON BELT STRIKE

Land Will Be Divided Among Workers By Government

MEXICO CITY—General strike of agricultural laborers of the states of Coahuila and Durango, in the La Laguna cotton belt, resulted in victory for the workers, when President Cardenas gave his personal assurance that the Agrarian Code would begin to be applied October 1st.

The following agreement was obtained:

1. **Land is to be divided among all the workers of the Laguna region without the necessity of legal formalities usually required.**

2. Land division to begin not later than October 1st.

Finance Workers

3. Government to lend the financing necessary for the workers to begin independent cultivation.

4. The strike to be called off, but without prejudice to the workers' claims for wages during the period it lasted.

5. All strikebreakers to leave the region at once, and the military forces of the states and federal government to see that this order is carried out.

6. The owners ordered to respect collective contracts and to hire only organized workers.

No Sabotage!

7. Any owners failing to renew work in the fields after the harvest, to have their lands partitioned by the government.

8. The government to distribute food supplies among those workers having no present means of subsistence, until they receive the lands and financing to which the agreement entitles them.

9. A commission named by Cardenas to start out at once from Mexico City to supervise resumption of work, to see that the growers continue to irrigate their lands after the present harvest, for it was notorious that they were planning to shut off the irrigation canals in order to ruin next year's cotton crop in the event the lands were given to the workers.

Important Strike

The strike was of particular importance because, in addition to being a dispute between capital and labor over wage levels and working conditions, it also brought into sharp relief the fundamental problems of rural Mexico, which the Cardenas government has set itself the task of solving.

Moreover, La Laguna is generally accounted the wealthiest agricultural region of the country, and the backwardness and low living standards of its population stand in vivid contrast to the rich productiveness of the territory.

One of the principal social aims of the Mexican Revolution which began in 1910 was to provide lands to the landless rural villages, but after 25 years the problem is still far from solution, while resident workers on the haciendas, or plantations, as they generally lack village status, are for the most part excluded from provisions of the Agrarian Code.

Won Through Union

La Laguna's thousands of laborers on the cotton plantations, denied participation in the land benefits of the revolution, gradually learned to avail themselves of the provisions of the Labor Code, and by organizing in unions, were able to impose the beginnings, at least, of collective bargaining on the owners.

In their strike, which began August 19th and ended August 31st, two workers were killed and one wounded the first day of the strike by armed guards.

The workers' union is affiliated to the Confederation of Mexican Workers (C.T.M.).

FASCISTS HIT ENGLAND IN MEDITERRANEAN THROUGH CIVIL WAR IN SPAIN

By L. IVANOV

(Written for Izvestia, Soviet government newspaper, by one of the best Red Army strategists.)

Italy's capture of Ethiopia and her officially declared intention of establishing a colonial empire in East Africa, is a new factor of the greatest significance bearing upon the situation in the Mediterranean Basin.

It shows an unparalleled sharpening of contradictions between the imperialist powers having colonial possessions and special interests in the Mediterranean and in Africa. And this situation develops special and particular contradictions between Italy and Great Britain.

The events in Spain again prove the plans of Italian, as well as German Fascism to create for themselves a special base of operations, from which they would be able to extend their influence and operations in Spanish Morocco, Balearic Islands and Spain itself.

Why Fascists Aid Franco

Hence the Rome and Berlin readiness and anxiety to aid General Franco and other Spanish "rebel" generals, who stand ready to sell their country "wholesale or retail" to their foreign Fascist allies.

Should Italy's or Germany's plans become EVEN PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL, it would mean an immediate threat to terranean; it would particularly Britain's communication routes in the western part of the Mediconstitute a threat for Gibraltar, the present key position and cornerstone of British imperialist strategy.

Italy's capture of Ethiopia forced England to re-establish its Mediterranean policy along entirely new lines. British prestige suffered severely in Africa, the Near East, and the whole Mediterranean basin. The very fact that Britain showed its impotence and inability to prevent the success of Italian aggression, was a fierce blow to the "ruler of the seas." The myth of Great Britain's omnipotence and invulnerability was shattered.

Menace G. B. Colonies

At the same time, Italy's capture of Ethiopia constitutes a very realistic further threat to Britain's most important possessions and interests in northeastern Africa. In particular it creates the threat of putting both Egypt and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan within the teeth of a nutcracker—between Lybia and Ethiopia.

Italy's continued war preparations in the Mediterranean make for a great positive threat for all routes lying betwen the eastern sections of it. In fact, if permitted to continue, Italy will within a short time completely control the Mediterranean.

According to the official "France Militaire" (Military France) of June 7th last: "All of our neighbor's possesions in the Mediterranean and Red Seas, In Lybia, Eritrea and Somaliland, are equipped from a military, aerial and naval point of view as bases of attack upon England. Thus, there is a simultaneous threat for Malta, Alexandria, Haiva, Aden, Egypt, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan."

Italy Seeks Support

Furthermore, Italy is not only fortifying its own positions in the Mediterranean, it also strives to secure support of other imperialist nations. One of the primary motives for the Ital-German aviation agreement — recently closed during the Berlin visit of the Chief of Staff of Italian Aviation, General Valle — was a reciprocity agreement. Germany gets a limited right of operations in the Mediterranean in exchange for an Italian right of air transit to the North Sea across Germany (Rome-Frankfort-Amsterdam, or Rome-Frankfort-Hamburg).

There is an exchange of aviation base facilities between the two Fascist countries. For example, Germany gets a concession on one of the Dedocanese Islands in exchange for a similar concession on any one of the numerous North Sea islands. Naturally, there is always the possibility such bases may be used against Britain on both the Mediterranean and the North Seas.

The Mediterranean situation is thus still further complicated by this new factor.

G. B. Seeks Way Out

In Great Britain there is a great diversity of opinion, in the political, naval and military circles, as to the way out of these difficulties. Some naval-military experts recommended even a "temporary abandonment" of the Mediterranean. According to these "preceptors," England, in the event of a war, would retain only the "gates" to the Mediterranean—Gibraltar in the west and Aden in the east, temporarily giving up its Mediterranean routes and use of the Suez Canal.

Thus, the old sea route around Africa and the Cape of Good Hope would again become the main artery of British imperial communications, instead of the present route, Gibraltar-Malta-Suez. In that case, Capetown and neighboring Simondstown would naturally become Britain's main naval base.

Still the above idea cannot be considered approved and adopted by the British Admiralty. They are faced with either fortifying the badly shaken positions in the Mediterranean, or establishing new bases in South Africa. Evidently it was decided to do both—fortify both routes.

The idea of even "temporary abandonment" of the Mediterranean was categorically rejected by leading British government authorities. Evidently, the government is not only fortifying the air defenses as well as other fortifications of Malta—the old British base in the Mediterranean—Britain is also fortifying additional bases in the eastern Mediterranean, least vulnerable or exposed to aerial attacks. Evidently the Isle of Cyprus becomes of prime importance as an aerial and naval base.

Parallel with fortification of Cyprus comes the immediate development and fortification of naval bases in Egypt and Palestine—Suez, Alexandria, Port Said, Ishmael, Raifa, Akaba. In Haifa is the terminus of the oil pipe-line from Irak, as well as large oil refineries. This would supply fuel for naval and aviation forces even if communication with Malta and Gibraltar would be interrupted.

With the strengthening of Italy's position in eastern Africa, Britain responds with similar undertakings in its neighboring and adjoining possessions and territories. This question formed the most important part on the agenda of the Conference of Governors of British East African possessions—Kenya, Uganda, Tanganaika, Niasaland, Zanzibar. This conference took place last June in Dar-Es-Salaam, Kenya. There it was resolved to fortify immediately Mobassa, Kenya, and put through a whole series of development of aviation.

(To be continued next issue.)

Billion Dollars To Be Spent For War During 1937-38

WASHINGTON. — Already at the speed-up stage, preparations for war by the U.S. government will hit a fever-pitch in the 1937-38 fiscal year, according to budget estimates which probably will include "national defense" expenditures topping the billion dollar mark.

This year the estimated funds for war preparations, much of which is being spent in California and on the Pacific Coast, totaled more than $920,000,000.

Increased naval building of warships is expected to be a substantial part of the billion-dollar budget for 1937-38.

COMING EVENTS . . .

The C.I.O. steel campaign made such an impression on the Caterpillar Tractor Co. at Peoria, Ill., that it granted three small raises in two weeks. Coming events cast their shadows. . .

BATTLE LINES ARE DRAWN IN SALINAS-WATSONVILLE; WORKERS FIGHT FOR UNION

Growers Use Thugs, Guns, Gas and Clubs Fearing That 250,000 Agricultural Workers Will Become Organized

(By a Lettuce Worker.)

SALINAS—Today throughout the Salinas, Watsonville district, the battle lines are drawn. On one side stand the workers unarmed but determined to fight bare-handed any and all attempts to smash their union. Theirs is a heroic struggle, first to get preferential hiring, then better wages and conditions not only for themselves but the huge majority of exploited agricultural workers.

Fight for Decent

Today the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union is being assailed by the great forces of reaction which is notoriously known to exist in the agricultural areas.

250,000 Unorganized

In California over 250,000 unorganized workers are used each year by the large landowners and bankers; their labor is bought for a song. But in Salinas and Watsonville stand a united group who do not want to work for a cheap wage, who want to eat, sleep, and work like human beings.

This is why the strike was called and it is causing the Growers'-Shippers' Association much loss of sleep. Imagine workers demanding that they be treated like human being rather than submitting meekly to the Growers terms.

Armed to the Teeth

On the other side stand the tools of the large growers and shippers, State Police thugs, vigilantes, deputy sherfifs, local police, outside stool pigeons, private detectives and plain clothes police from large cities. There they stand, armed to the teeth with guns, clubs and tear gas bombs, ready to beat or kill depending on their masters' orders.

Certainly these two groups differ widely in regard to purposes. The workers are out to raise wages, make better working conditions and bring a little happiness into their homes. The thugs stand ready to help smash wages and bring on more starvation and misery among the agricultural workers.

Terrorized By Growers

It is not hard for people to take sides in this fight and the quicker they do, the better. Many small business men want to help the workers but are terrorized by the show of guns in the hands of the vigilantes.

All unions and progressives should protest to Governor Merriam and to President Roosevelt asking them to remove the State Police from this area. The mayor (one by the name of Leech) on being asked to get the thugs out said he did not know where there were any.

In a short while a reign of terror will be unleashed against the workers in this area, the like of which has never been seen before in California. Here is the camp of the brutal reactionaries such as Col. Garrison Cruze, Carriel Garin Co. and the Associated Farmers. These Fascists would be glad to kill half the valley in order to keep the workers down.

Losing Control Over Workers

In the past they have always more or less controlled the union, but in this strike the workers will not allow them to dictate terms. Now is the time to halt these killers before they go into action. The barricades are built, armed thugs stand prepared to beat and kill unarmed workers fighting for their just demands.

Why let it go on? We are powerful and can stop it. The way to do it is by mass pressure; every one who is sincere can send protests and resolutions to the city, state and federal officials. They can stop it if they will.

The Baker Is On The Side of the Salinas Strikers

SALINAS.—The bakery shop here has been supplying bread to the strikers. The baker wants to see them win. He's with the union 100 percent. He says it's his fight. It means his survival as well as theirs.

He says he will have to go out of business if he doesn't have the patronage of the thousands of lettuce shed workers who are steady customers. There are others in the town who feel the same way. Their livelihood doesn't come from the handful of shipper-growers. The shipper-growers do not trade with the Salinas townspeople.

They have offices in San Francisco's wall street. They have palatial homes on the peninsula, and elsewhere.

Shop Keepers Worried

The shop-keepers in Salinas are worried. They know that if the union is smashed, if the workers are dispersed, and if the shipper-growers bring in cheap, itinerate labor, they will be sunk.

Wages will go down to the accustomed sub-zero level of the field workers, and shed-workers will be eating the usual biscuits, fat, and coffees. They know that it is the shed workers who help keep the schools going. School appropriations depend on attendance. Schools will be handicapped if the workers are dispersed.

TEN MIDWEST GOVERNORS MEET ROOSEVELT TO DISCUSS DROUGHT



ONE BY ONE, governors of midwest states conferred with President Roosevelt while he and Alfred Landon, Hearst's candidate for President, sought to win favor from the voters of the region. Landon is standing behind the President, garbed in white, and Roosevelt cracked jokes for the benefit of reporters.

Fight For Decent Food Continues As Cannery Fleet Reaches Bristol Bay; Landing Not Allowed

(By An Alaska Canner)

(The continued story of the organization of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union in San Francisco, after 85 years of vicious exploitation by the employers.)

ABOARD THE S. S. GLACIER, ALASKA-BOUND—On the seventh day, one boss stepped into our focs'le head on advice of one of his runners, that a hot discussion was in progress.

He swaggered in and immediately set out to call us all Reds and that we would get in trouble if some of us were not careful, etc., but before he left our quarters, we had his promise that just as soon as we set foot on land we would hold our first meeting, and also that the food would be really fit to eat. We made up our minds to that—and to hold him to his promises.

The eighth day and the same old mess. We could have screamed—rice, beef, beans, tripe, on end—and it began to look as though when the cook was in doubt, he would throw in another can of tomatoes into the mess, regardless of what he may have been cooking.

We had gone through Unimak Pass and were in the Bering Sea. The following and ninth day, about 8 a. m., we came to anchor at Bristol Bay. About six other ships had arrived before us, and it was a very impressive picture they made—surely the most welcome at any rate.

There were ships from Portland, Seattle and Frisco, and the scurviest and most ancient one was ours. Alongside the rest, the contrast was most glaring. It looked like a tramp freighter that wound up by accident near the moorings of a yacht club and came to anchor along side of a fleet of sleek, trim yachts.

On three sides could be seen land, and what land, barring the factories that could be seen in the distance. The rest of the flats were uninhabited. Beyond these flats, in the far distance, a range of snow-covered mountains could be seen rearing their jagged, glistening, snow-covered peaks into the clouds, it seemed.

All in all, it was a dreary, desolate spot to hit after a 2700-mile trip. There were no trees in the vicinity.

To top off our disappointment, it developed that the main group was not permitted to land. We stayed aboard till the second day after arrival, everybody on edge, restless and disgusted.

Sheldon Hop Ranch Needs Inspection For Sanitation

By an Agricultural Worker

SACRAMENTO COUNTY. — Something ought to be done about working conditions on the Sheldon Hop Ranch. They have about 400 pickers. Men and women have to use the same toilets in the field, and these toilets haven't been cleaned out since last year.

Work is so miserable there that I have left to work for another hop ranch.

The Sheldon Ranch should be visited by a government inspector who can't be bought off, but who would start some action.

Ed. Note: The way to begin on remedying this condition is not to leave the ranch but for those working there to organize a grievance committee to demand a remedy from the owners, and then all stand solidly behind the committee.

ILD Reorganizes In Yuma; Eight Join

By a Worker Correspondent

YUMA, Ariz.—The International Labor Defense of Yuma Valley was reorganized here Sunday, Sept. 13th. Eight new members joined the organization and officers were elected.

Members contributed $2.50 for the Spanish People's Front defense. Signatures were secured on a petition for the release of Angelo Herndon. The next meeting will be held Sept. 27.

Red Herring Flung At Strikes By 'Rural Press'

By a Research Worker

It's time to pay some attention to Mr. John Pickett, editor of the Pacific Rural Press and spokesman for the big growers and the Associated Farmers. The September 12th issue of his paper purports to give quotations from the Western Worker, gathered by that enterprising bunch of San Francisco fascists, the Associated Farmers.

It says: "In the last two and a third years Communists have participated in or encouraged 156 strikes in California. Of these 156 strikes 33 were directed against farmers in attempts to prevent the harvest of crops, and many more strikes have struck indirectly at farmers by seeking to tie up the transportation and processing of crops."

Distorts Western Worker

Mr. Picket says these facts were taken from the files of the Western Worker. "The Communists can't very well make denial and call it "capitalistic lies" unless they are willing to repudiate their own official organ and acusse it of lying." Mr. Pickett then lists the time and place of 33 strikes and says: "The above is a record of outlawry."

Since when is it outlawry to strike? Mr. Pickett, did you or your henchmen, or the Associated Farmers ever see a single word in the Western Worker stating that the strikes were called to prevent the harvest of crops?

Nothing About Wages

Was there no mention of the struggle for better wages, working conditions, hours, and living wage? And as for harvesting crops, Mr. Pickett, those who prevent the harvesting of crops are those who refuse to pay the harvest workers a wage which makes it possible for them to live.

Of course, Mr. Picket, you do not want to understand this. The Associated Farmers, a handful of vigilante-minded bosses, picked from the inner ranks of the State Chamber of Commerce which is financed by the PG and E, the shippers, the Southern Pacific, et al, do not want to understand it either.

Indirectly, the Associated Farmers and Mr. John Pickett have paid the Communist Party a high compliment. They acknowledge, in this very grudging way, that it leads in the struggle for a higher standard of living, for better wages, hours, and working conditions. This is a tribute.

Nor is that all in Mr. Pickett's interesting journal. He editorializes a bit on the Earl King case, too. Evidently Mr. Pickett's interests are broad. He quotes his pals the Associated Farmers again. "An official of the Associated Farmers of California said he did not know anything about the facts in this case but he did not find it hard to believe that radical labor leaders would resort to coercion and physical violence."

With Mr. Pickett and the official mentioned being as ignorant of the subject as he himself admits, the better part of fairness would have been to remain silent, but his record makes it clear that fairness is no part of him and that he would refuse to believe anything else.

"For a Free, Happy and Prosperous America!" Vote Communist!

Depression Over; $3.50 Offered For 98 Hours Per Week

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN LUIS OBISPO.—The depression is over in this town. At least there is no scarcity of work here.

A local resident—the man was born in San Luis Obispo—recently applied at The Quick Lunch Cafe, 1022 Morro St. for a job. And here is what the job seeking chef was offered: Hours from seven a.m. to nine p.m., seven days a week. Wages three dollars and fifty cents a week, or something less than five cents an hour. Needless to say cooks and waiters and other culinayr workers are not organized here.

To top the incident off the worker is afraid to allow his name to be disclosed in this dispatch because, he says, it would result in his being black listed by all the restaurant owners in town.

VOICES OF LABOR

Long Beach.

Editor: When the heavy labor and dirty work was done on W.P.A. project 440 Stevenson School, 5th and Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, many truck loads of manure were piled high in the yard for landscaping and the lawns. From out of nowhere appeared an 18-foot sign on top of the pile of horse manure with the following inscription in large letters:

IN 1932 THE REPUBLICANS CLAIMED IF ROOSEVELT WAS ELECTED GRASS WOULD GROW IN THE STREETS—HERE IS EVIDENCE THAT WE NEED A BIT OF HEARST TO MAKE ANYTHING GROW IN THIS SOIL.

The sad part of the story is after the bull-work was done the school board brought in their own men for the landscaping, though two of our crew were experienced gardeners. Our crew was shifted to Polytechnic High School and put to work pulling nails and burning lumber.

I myself have had university training but can't get assigned to work I'm trained for.

Yours for unity, —O. P.

Orange.

Editor: Here is my idea of what Hitler means by beating the war drums against Russia.

He desires the searchlight of international attention to be exclusively directed on the German-Russian situation so that in the meantime he can sneak war supplies through Portugal to the rebels of Spain. Then his Nazi stooges the world over can boast of his decisive statesmanship.

Enclosed is a money order for $1.50 from my wife and me to be turned over to the People's Chest for Spain.

Comradely, —T.N.

FARMER WINS 'FATHERLAND' FOR ARTICLE

Advance Prizes For Correspondence Announced

A farmer-correspondent has won the latest prizes awarded for correspondence, a copy of Karl Billinger's "Fatherland."

The winner's article was printed on this page in the issue of Thursday, September 17. It told about the efforts of farmers in Bonny Doon, California, to organize their local grange and of the sabotaging done by the reactionary leaders of that organization who collaborate with the Associated Farmers and keep up the "red scare."

As you have already been informed, the next prize is a copy of Irwin Shaw's "Bury the Dead," published by Random House.

We are going to give you a list of prizes in advance, so you will know which you are aiming at when you write. Here are the prizes for the next three weeks:

1. "Labor Fact Book, No. 5," published by International Publishers.
2. "The Coming Struggle for Power," by John Strachey.
3. "Fascism and Social Revolution," by R. Palme Dutt.

Send your stories to the Worker Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco. Write in your own language.

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Smelter Union's Growth Steady

SELBY.—The largest gathering of workers at the American Smelting and Refining Co.'s Selby plant recently met with Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 51.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

THE PATRIOT'S REWARD

PATRIOTISM IS ONE of the most frequently professed sentiments of the Waterfront Employers' Association. Hardly a public statement, bulletin or news release issues from them but what it is strongly flavored with patriotic expressions.

The roots of this sentiment are fertilized with more practical motives than mere love of country. The history of the merchant marine since the world war indicates that patriotism has proved to be a more profitable enterprise to the American shipowners than the transportation of passengers and cargo. In fact, it has netted them in excess of 708 million dollars in free gifts from the public treasury, for which they have had to expend very little effort, service or value, and which funds they have been able to dispose of with practically no supervision or interference.

Of course, the government did not merely hand the money over to them for no reason. One of the main reasons for government subsidy of the shipping business was to enable the shipowners to maintain "high" wages for American seamen.

The shipowners argued that a large merchant marine comprises an important naval auxiliary and is necessary to the nation's defense. They further argued that owing to the high wages paid to American seamen, they were unable to compete with foreign shipping on the high seas.

So the government agreed to pay the shipowners huge sums of money to make up for the difference between foreign and American wage scales. Immediately after the subsidies were voted, however, the shipowners, instead of increasing or maintaining wages, took steps to reduce wages.

The huge sums of money which were intended to raise the standard of living of the American seaman, were side-tracked into profits and dividends, and the seaman received instead, a wage cut.

Here are only a few of the government's gifts to the shipowners:

(1) The government sold them $516,174,249.48 worth of steamships for $41,411,665.10; less than 10 cents on the dollar.

(2) In 1920, the government endowed the shipowners with a gift of $5,188,012.66. One of the expressed purposes of this gift was to enable the shipowners to provide "steady employment to American workmen."

(3) The Jones-White Act of 1928 endowed private shipping with public gifts of such magnitude and variety that a calculation of exactly how much it has netted them to date is impossible. It awarded fourty-four contracts for the carrying of American mail and granted subsidies amounting to more than $27,500,000 per year. The announced purpose was to keep the American flag flying in overseas trade and to equalize operating costs between American companies and their foreign competitors.

(4) In addition to these forms of "industrial doles," the beneficient Jones-White Act created a $250,000,000 revolving fund out of which private shipowners may borrow funds for the construction of new vessels at very low rates of interest. The Dollar Line, for example, was able to borrow $10,575,000 partly at one per cent and partly at 1-4 of one per cent. Loans at this trivial cost are available for 75 per cent of the construction cost of any vessel the shipowners may wish to build. It is provided, however, that these vessels be so constructed as to be convertible instantly into light warships or naval auxiliaries.

It is not to be wondered that in all discussion of waterfront disputes, the shipowners refuse to permit any examination of their profits, and insist that they are not claiming inability to pay union demands.

Women on the March

"WOMEN IN STEEL," she calls herself. And she is a lusty, husky babe. She is a bulletin, and she asks us to review her.

Packed full, she is, with "wim and wigor." A little too eager to cover everything at once, perhaps, but she is "raring to go."

Here we have reports of auxiliaries forming beside the locals of the growing steel union, plans to take care of children so that woman may come to meetings, and strong editorials showing the need and purpose of women standing back of their men in this great steel drive.

Mrs. Minneola Ingersoll gets more than honorable mention for capable, militant action. She has recently been named director of the affairs of women in steel by Mr. Van Bittner, Chicago director of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

You are invited to write to her if you want any help or suggestions in organizing auxiliaries. Her address is care of Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, Union National Bank Building. 3701 Main Street, Indiana Harbor, Ind.

It's One Thing to Live;
It's Another to EXIST

Mr. Bittner's address to the women of South Chicago is given the full front page of the new bulletin. He points out the difference between living and just existing. We don't work in steel out here in California, but we understand that difference, too. Labor must **fight** to live. It's no longer good form to starve or freeze "in soberness and chastity" so that you can go to heaven when you die. It's our world and our fight.

The steel women know this and they are going into this fight well organized. They are urging their men forward; they are getting them to join up. Men who lag behind are going to get a good poke in the ribs.

Women who make discord in the auxiliaries are being shown the error of their ways. This is no pink tea. This is a step toward putting the oncoming generation in the sunshine of their own land, hauling them out of the dumps and hovels of the disease-breeding industries.

We women are closing up our ranks to fight the common enemy: Exploitation.

Women's auxiliaries must be organized at every possible point, and the women of the Communist Party must certainly give of their best to help build these auxiliaries.

As I go about among non-party groups, I find it a common accusation that the Party is a disruptive influence. Usually this charge is made because of the pre-conceived notions. Consequently, whenever and wherever some wild eyed person, male or female, zehaves in a rule or unintelligent manner, I usually hear someone remark: "That must be a Communist."

Party women in mass organizations can lay this lie low by the way they conduct themselves. The time is now, when we are all trying tr build these euxilaries. We should build up these groups so that we can all step forward with a United Front of **Women on the March.**

Let's have letters discussing these problems and making proposals. Letters from party members and letters from non-party members.

RIPTIDES

By D. L. Saunders

YOU can't get aboard a Nazi ship here on the Emarcadero —for that matter you can't board Mussolini's ships, or Japanese either.

But I got aboard a Nazi ship the other day.

I sneaked past the watchman at the gangway when he went into the galley for a moment. It was noon and the crew were having chow. I stuck my head into the messroom. Talking, which was in German, stopped instantly and they all eyed me

I pulled out my union book in sullen suspicion.
and said, "Metrozo." I guess they understood, cause the tension in the atmosphere eased up just a little. "Damn funny, how hostile and suspicious these fellows act," I thought to myself. I recalled in former years how sociable and affable German seamen used to be. Hell—you were always good for at least three bottles of beer, the minute you stepped aboard of a German ship.

I remember how a gang off an American ship would pile ashore with the crew of some German ship, in Buenos Aires, and take the town over.

But then it ain't so strange if you're the least bit class conscious and know what fascism really means. However, to get back to my story.

I pulled out of my pocket a back copy of the Voice. The one with the picture of Simpson. I tossed it non-challantly on the mess table. There was bound to be one fellow that could read English.

Nobody reached for it—instead they stared intently at my shirt. For a minute I was puzzled. I followed one fellow's gaze to the pocket of my shirt. Startled, I instinctively covered the pocket with the palm of my hand. I was wearing a "Hammer and Sickle" pin. I dropped my hand again and smiled. "We are all from Hamburg," one of them suddenly spoke up, as though that were sufficient explanation for everything.

It stuck me for a moment. Then I recalled the many tales told all over the world where union seamen meet—about the fighting maritime workers of Hamburg.

One of the fellows, a pretty young chap, got up and closed the messroom door. "Too much noise outside," he said.

I hesitated to speak. There were ten men present and I thought. "We are a hundred per cent organized," the one who had spoken first, piped up as though in answer to my hesitation.

"How long you fellows been in this ship?" I asked, not knowing where to begin.

"This is our first and last trip on this one?" the younger one answered in fairly good English.

"Quitting?" I was puzzled, as ordinarily, seamen on foreign ships usually stick on a ship for some time.

"We are only allowed to make one trip on this run—then we are shifted to the East African or Australian run."

"What's the idea—do you mean that you can't sail on any ship you want?" I was thinking of the Copeland Bill that Roosevelt signed when I asked him this.

"Well not exactly, but we are not allowed to run too frequently to American or French ports"—I guess 'they' are afraid we will learn too much."

"Yah, but we learn things, anyway," the young seaman interrupted with a smile that told me plenty.

"What about Hitler's plans for war?" The dictator's name slipped out.

One of the others who up till now had been quietly listening to the conversation, let out a well rounded curse in German, which he emphasized by spitting a lump of snuff into a nearby garbage bucket. "We have to use that name often enough when

"Yah, it is war alright—but we are home," it was explained. maybe this war will end different, than the one which killed my father and brother," the young seaman declared with unhesitating conviction.

I was just getting ready to obtain a real good story, when the door flew open and the mate stormed in. "What is going on here? Meeting, eh? Why did you not call me in to it?" he demanded. But stopped abruptly when he noticed me for the first time. "Who are you? Get off this ship at once."

I shrugged my shoulders, said "Auf weidersein" to the men and walked out of the messroom.

Half way down the well-deck I could still hear his gutteral voice bawling hell out of the men.

ACCENT ON YOUTH

By EVELYN JAMES

THE newspapers have carried brief-notices the last couple of days about a baby girl found deserted on an Oakland hillside. A dentist found her about seven hours after she was born, and put her in a hospital. The mother was unknown.

After 24 hours the dentist had solved the mystery: one of his "domestics," a Mrs. Jackson, had borne the child, put her out on the hill near the dentist's home, and gone back about her duties of housekeeping and cooking.

The mother, after evasive answers, finally declared that she did not go to a hospital because she did not have the money. The dentist states that he cannot understand the woman's behavior.

Is it so incomprehensible? Imagine: here was a woman, working under conditions similar to those under which three million domestic servants in America work. She was about to have a baby. Supose that she saw only two courses before her. If she kept the baby she could not keep her job. From the meagre pay of a domestic servant she had saved no nest-egg to suport a child. Not only would she find herself unable to take care of the baby, but even her own living would be gone. But if the baby were destroyed, there would not be the prolonged agony of seeing it cold and hungry; of bringing it up in the bitter poverty of a society which had no place for it. In bewildered desperation, she chose what seemed to her the briefer cruelty.

The thing that is incomprehensible is the astonishing indifference which the dentist showed toward his "domestic." It took him an entire day to discover that between the time she served breakfast and dinner his domestic had given birth to a baby!

What is the bosses' society going to do about the tragedy to which it drove this domestic worker? A later press release gives an indication. Society is waiting to see if the baby survives. Then society will know whether to try the mother for desertion or manslaughter!

* * *

The idea of a united front of progressives to gain their demains is hardly a new one. As long ago as 1858 in Wellington and Oberlin, Ohio, students led workers and farmers in repeated activity together, united by their common indignation against the vicious fugitive-slave law. These students at Oberlin College were the leaders of many famous slave-rescues. When 37 of a crowd who had rescued a slave from the very hands of the slave-catchers, were arrested, students at Oberlin gave a defense dinner advertised proudly as the "Felon's Feast." It opened with the toast: "To the 37 criminals of Lorain County: May we never fall into worse company."

Workers, farmers, and students held a huge mass meeting demanding the release of the 37. Banners they bore read: "HERE is the government. Let tyrants beware!" Subsequently, the charges against the 37 were dismissed, and the enforcement of the "personal liberty" laws which tremendous mass pressure had compelled, curtailed to a great extent the capture and return of fugitive slaves.

A united population can afford to say what a divided one cannot: "HERE is the government. Let tyrants beware!"

JAPANESE PRIESTS IN GOOSESTEP



EVEN PRIESTS are being incorporated into Japan's growing military force as the island's imperialists lay new plans to penetrate China and prepare for war against the Soviet Union. These young priests are drilling under army officers.

Literacy Rate Is Low In America

Startling deficiencies in the literacy of Americans is revealed in an investigation conducted by the University of Chicago and Columbia University.

"At least 50 per cent of the adult population is unable to read with ease. Public Library book circulation nationally is less than four books annually," says the report.

"Reading is at its lowest ebb in Mississippi, which has a per capita circulation of .36. Ninety-five per cent of adults read newspapers and 75 per cent read magazines, mostly of the pupil class. Thirty per cent is a generous estimate of those who read books and most of these are of the cheap type of fiction. Of these perhaps one-third are of the best in research, scholarship and creative ability."

'PRIVATE HICKS' PLAYING IN S. F.

Repeat performances of Albert Maltz' prize-winning play, "Private Hicks," are scheduled for the evenings of Sept. 25, 26 and 27 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), at the New Theater Group's Pine Street Playhouse, 1609 Pine Street, San Francisco.

The play opened Friday night, Sept. 18, and the run is confined to weekends.

Produced in N. Y.

First produced in New York, "Private Hicks" won the New Theatre League's 1935 award for the year's best play. The contest, announced in the New Theatre Magazine, drew thousands of manuscripts from every corner of the country.

"Private Hicks" is the story of a young man, a worker, called from his job into a National Guard uniform to help break a strike. He has never belonged to a trade union; yet in the performance of his sworn duty as a strikebreaker, he learns what side he is on.

Throws Down Gun

Commanded to fire at strike pickets and demonstrators he at first obeys. Then he refuses to follow orders, thrown down his gun, and calls out his comrades not to fire. The events that follow furnish the most exciting action of the play.

On the same program will be Carol Beals' Dance Group in their performance that has won them well-deserved fame, "Waterfront—1934." The dance depicts three phases—speed-up, strike, and Bloody Thursday, catching the spirit of the historic events which culminated in the great San Francisco general strike. A company of twelve dancers will appear.

A LETTER

Hollywood.

Editor: I have been a reader of the Western Worker for a long time, because I think it is a good paper.

As a trade union member, I suggest that the Western Worker have articles on what the unions mean to workers and why they should belong. I like your idea of encouraging workers to write articles on their own affairs and to express their own opinions.

I am sending the money for the renewal of my subscription.

—G.

People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

Redondo Beach, Calif.

DEAR COMRADE AND FRIEND:

I am writing you regarding my own case. I have convulsions. I have had them ever cince 1925. The spells vary from one a week to once every three months. I have had two this month. I never have them standing up. I always have them while I am asleep about 5 a. m. in the morning, just before rising. My muscles get stiff and draw. Close my teeth real tight. I would like a personal letter from you about my case and what I can do for it. —W. C.

ANSWER—This is an illustration of how not to write a letter when asking for information or advice. There are exactly eighteen different diseases and conditions that could cause these symptoms, so it is impossible for me to give any advice aside from the ways and means of finding out the cause.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

The letter is entirely insufficient. When writing in, you should describe every detail that you can think of in connection with your condition, even though you think some of the facts are not important. Only a doctor can decide which facts shed some light on a case and which do not. Most letters that are printed in this column are very short because I cut out all but the most important details, but don't let that stop you from writing me several pages full about yourself.

Even if I could determine the cause of W. C.'s trouble from the letter, such a condition needs the personal attention of a doctor for treatment. If he can afford it, h should be under the care of a private dictor. If not, he should have the county hospital make a thorough examination including his heart, kidneys, and entire nervous system. He should have the doctor tell him what the cause is in his opinion and then write me telling me what sort of an examination he received, the diagnosis, and what sort of treatment he is receiving. From this, I can determine whether or not he is getting a recognized, scientific treatment or if they are up to their old tricks of giving two cents worth of useless pills every few weeks.

COLD DOUCHE

Los Angeles,
Sept. 5, 1936.

DEAR SIR:

I douche with cold water from the bathtub faucet with a shower hose, not a douche-bag hose. A friend of mine asked her doctor about this and he advised her not to use this method because of T. B. of the womb. What I want to know is if this is the true fact or is he thinking of his future trade.

ANSWER—Douching with cold water may cause a chill of the pelvic organs, followed by a catarrh of the womb, bladder, or one of the other organs. This may be very bothersome, difficult to cure, and may weaken the organs so that other di seases can attack them. In this way, such a method could bring on tuberculosis of the womb, if the germs were already present in the body.

Douches alone of any sort are usually insufficient to prevent conception (becoming pregnant). Capitalist law prohibits me from writing in this column what methods are successful. In the larger cities, you should go to one of the Mothers' Clinics for this information.

"BURY THE DEAD" IN OAKLAND

Anti-War Play Will Open September 25

OAKLAND—The thrilling anti-war play that made the critics sit up and take notice, "BURY THE DEAD," opens here at the City Club Theatre the night of Friday, September 25. The production is by the San Francisco Theatre Union, well known to martime workers especially for their plays given at Modesto Benefits and at the recent benefit for Mrs. Nicholas Bordoise, widow of the victim of the '34 strike.

"Bury the Dead" will run for four performances: Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, and the same two nights the week following, October 2 and 3. Low admission prices will prevail. Young Irwin Shaw, author of the play, is now reckoned one of the leading new playwrights of the country.

Ladies' Auxiliaries' Mass Meeting

Following the close of "Bury the Dead," the Theatre Union will get busy rehearsing "Black Pit," a drama of workers and stoolpigeons in the coal fields of West Virginia. This performance will be part of a giant mass meeting arranged by the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the East Bay Machinists and Warehousemen, at which prominent unionists, including Harry Bridges, I.L.A. District President, and James Smith of Machinists 284, will speak.

The mass meeting at which "Black Pit" will be presented, will take place at Oakland Auditorium on the night of Saturday, October 17.

Government Yielding to Growers; Camp Program Lags

The Federal Resettlement Administration was going to set a fine example. It put up two migratory workers' camps, each accommodating 400 persons—one at Arvin near Bakersfield and the other at Marysville.

It publicized plans to put up twenty altogether. Then the program was cut to eight camps, finally to five—three in addition to the present two. But even these last three have not appeared and the Resettlement Administration is strangely sielnt.

Hit a Snag

The truth is that the Resettlement Administration has hit a snag. It was proceeding on the theory that the camps would find favor with the growers of the state and with the workers as well. This fine example was going to stimulate the growers to emulate the government and put up camps of their own. Everybody would be happy.

But something has gone wrong. The growers don't like the camp. Their controlled press up and down the state is objecting to more camps. Now and then a proposal is made by the administration for a new site for one of the other projected camps. Invariably it calls forth a protest by the local chamber of commerce, echoed in the controlled press throughout the state.

Workers Want Them

So the administration has lost its enthusiasm. The migratory workers, on the other hand, are calling for the program to go ahead. It's true the camps don't seem worth boasting about. They are only a bunch of platforms where you can pitch your tent over a wood floor instead of the usual dirt and mud. They have toilets and showers adjoining.

But they are far better than the migratory workers are used to in the filth of the unsanitary camp grounds of the growers. And this is the rub. This, and the more important factor that in these camps the workers aren't under the heel of the grower, to be told to "move on" if the grower wishes to force them to work for lower wages.

It becomes clear, then, that the migratory workers must press hard on the Resettlement Administration to go ahead with its camp building program. The administration has been holding back because it wanted to convince the growers. But it is clear that the growers are not going to be convinced.

They have seen that workers in these camps cannot so readily be forced to work for the miserably low wages the growers want to pay. The growers cannot go to them with sawed-off shot guns and say, "Work or scram."

Consqeuently the growers are taking the course most familiar to them. They are screaming that the camps are "hotbeds of radicalism."

And What's a Hotbed?

Hotbeds indeed! A grain of independence. A little leeway. A place to camp while looking for a job. A little cleanliness, or rather, just a little less dirt. The trifle of difference between the status of "work or scram" and the status of "work or starve" which enables the workers to demand just a trifle higher wages. So it's a "hotbed of radicalism!"

The purpose of the red scare was never clearer than it is here.

But the fearful administration is definitely backing water before this barrage from the growers. The Arvin camp is not even completed, although the program has been 18 months in process. Gone is the original program of 20 camps. Gone is the revised program of eight camps. Present plans are limited to five altogether—three in addition to the present two.

Why?

Fear to Take Open Stand

Have the big reactionary organizations such as the State Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers opposed the camps? They haven't dared to take an openly avowed position —not in the face of the overwhelming popular approval from civic organizations and the workers themselves. But the local chambers have shown just what the objection is.

The Brawley Chamber of Commerce, from that Imperial Valley hotbed of vigilantism, where migratory labor is used and abused as nowhere else even in California, opposed a projected camp there. The Brawley News of August 14 editorially offered the following reason, which should win a medal for hypocrisy: ". . . it would attract a migratory class to Imperial Valley during the seasonal cropping seasons to come into competition with local labor."

Local Opposition

The Central Coast Counties Council of the C. of C. likewise frowned on the camps, as reported in the Hollister Free Lance of April 25. Somewhat shamefaced and fearful of too exposed a stand, this organization proposed that the growers should build or improve their own labor camps.

Ahy agricultural worker knows that the growers will never do this unless the workers are well enough organized to force them to do so; moreover, even if they were forced to do so it would be with the intent of keeping their "work at our terms or scram" club over the workers, a club they could not readily wield with the workers in government camps.

Among the prominent growers opposing the camps are Edson C. Merritt, owner of the huge Tagus Ranch at Tulare.

Fearful of attacks from them, fearful also of the not-definitely-stated support given them by the reactionary State Chamber and Associated Farmers, the administration is allowing the program to lag. It is clear that the pressure must come from the workers.

There Is Support

Civic support for the camps is not lacking. The California Federation of Women's Clubs is officially in favor. The American Association of Social Workers in the Bay area has expressed a favorable attitude. Endorsements have come from many church leaders. The Humanist Society and the Democratic Forum of the Bay Region have given official endorsements. The San Francisco News has been giving favorable editorial comment for months.

The labor movement, which must be the most important factor in demanding the carrying out of the camp program, has not yet been approached.

Certainly the time has come when the Agricultural Workers' locals in California must bring resolutions before central labor bodies, demanding not only the completion of the three camps which remain to be constructed under the curtailed program, but the building of at least five more in the near future.

Moreover, the local Agricultural unions and the local labor movements generally must not allow the local chambers of commerce to act as spokesmen for the entire community. They should repudiate these local henchmen of the Associated Farmers and come forward demanding the establishment of the camps wherever the agricultural workers need them.

The time for this is especially ripe since Dr. Rexford B. Tugwell, head of the Resettlement Administration, is in California. Demand for the camps should be made clear to him before he leaves. Consent of the growers will certainly not come. It should not be waited for. They do not want anything that will benefit the migratory agricultural workers.

Eye-Witness Describes Vicious Attack On Salinas Strikers

SPIRIT OF PICKETS HARD TO BEAT, WITH WOMEN STAYING RIGHT UP IN THE FRONT LINES

Hearst Photographer Booed by Workers; Doss Says State Chamber of Commerce Is In Back of Attacks

SALINAS—The workers went around with faces steaming with sweat and tears, but no sooner is the attack over than they throng back to union headquarters saying, "We're ready for more!"

"They're getting mad again. This morning (last Wednesday) "hay" trucks came along Gablian Street (street leading into wire enclosure). Booing, cheering, no rock throwing.

As trucks came by people started running toward Main Street yelling "Let's stop it." "Dump it!" One truck driver, scared, whizzed around the corner so fast he dumped his own load, slowing up other trucks—men ran up and cut ropes of other trucks, pulling off "hay."

Deputies ran around clubbing pickets on the head. Fifteen or twenty deputized vigilantes with shotguns came up. Union men got hot—deputies threatened crowds with guns, forcing them back on sidewalk, hand to hand fighting.

Two brothers, Strobel the fink and Strobel the teamster, got into a fight. Hank Strobel got bloodied up. Pickets got edge on vigilantes who were finally ordered back by State Police.

Rumors fly like wild. The workers here have plenty of guts—the women are swell. One Union speaker told the crowd "the female of the species is deadlier than the male."

When a Hearst photographer goes by he is booed and jeered. This afternoon before bringing in the "hay" they had radio cars on all the streets, first "Calling all cars! Calling all American Legionnaires and able-bodied citizens to gather at the city hall to mobolize for an emergency."

The workers yelled and booed. One called out, "All the able-bodied citizens are on the picket line!"

Suddenly, for no reason at all came an attack along Gablian Street to disperse the crowds—the bombs burst with fire and the crowds ran up alleys where the patrolmen hurled bombs after them.

One bomb, big enough to kill a man, is still sticking in a doorstep. One worker seized a bomb and threw it back instead of running and then the cops went for him and viciously threw it straight at him instead of into to crowd.

Several women pickets carried American flags and some families had flags out in front of their houses. When they attacked Union headquarters they even threw bombs into the back yards over houses to catch the workers who had leaped over fences and ran through gardens.

I talked to Doss this morning and he said "The State Chamber of Commerce is back of this and is out to crush the Union. I don't mind being quoted on this." He said the spirit is swell and urged all organizations to send protests to the Government, etc.

The girl packers, of whom there are about 2000, get fifty cents an hour; the men, fifty-five. One girl said, "We get fifty cents now but we're going to get sixty pretty soon when the strike is over, if we win, and we're going to win."

PENSION ORDER URGED

NEW YORK—Drygoods Employees Local 19932 has requested the A.F.L. executive council to withdraw its suspension order against the C.I.O. union and refer the issue to the next convention.

C.I.O. SUSPENSION

NEW YORK—Suspension of the C.I.O. unions is described as a "violation of the principles of trade union democracy" in a protest resolution of the Bookkeepers Union Local 1246.

NOTES ON THE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Attempted Chiseling In Bakersfield Cotton Fields

The Los Angeles Times of September 9th is taking up the war cry for the growers of cotton, too. The old saw about the labor shortage. Memphis, Tennessee growers are worried. They might even have to raise wages in order to get workers. But perhaps they won't. They solved the problem in one area at least. Simple. Says the news item: "In Clarksdale, Mississippi, police took a hand in the situation by arresting for vagrancy able-bodied, unemployed men who refused to enter the cotton fields." Nice going!

Down in Bakersfield

Cotton picking is underway in Bakersfield. Picking for three weeks was scattered and work was not available though workers had been hanging on for Children felt the wait the most. weeks after finishing the grapes. They were unable to get into the fields in time to earn enough to get a few clothes to cover them and to put aside a few pennies for school lunches in time to attend the opening of schools, September 14th.

In the meantime, the Associated Farmers and the Cotton Finance Control agencies circulated throughout the Valley in an effort to have the larger growers and others pay a cotton picking scale between 60 and 80 cents per hundred.

The Finance company is the advance guard of the Fascist Associated Farmers. But in spite of all they could do, cotton picking is set for $1.00 per hundred. It may be well to remember that workers furnish their own cotton sacks. The sacks cost $1.35—equal to 135 lbs. cotton at $1.00 per hundred.

Some instances were reported where individual growers tried to weasel under the dollar a hundred scale, by evading direct agreement with the picking crew on wages. Here pickers were confronted with such evasions, as "well, pay ought to be in the neighborhood of a dollar." They demanded payment on the first 100 pounds weighed in. Where payment was tendered below the dollar scale the pickers pointed out the simple arithmetical fact that ninety cents, or any other sum less than a dollar, is not a dollar when measured on anybody's cast register, and quit in a body. This discouraged growers.

The union at Bakersfield is growing, due to just such incidents as this. New members are coming in all the time, in spite of the fact that Mr. Vandeleur is not supplying an organizer, nor funds for an organizer.

Cotton is a basic industry in California. Turn to the Financial Section of the capitalist press. Watch the market quotes on cotton.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor.

DEEP SEA FISHERMEN'S UNION GROWING FAST IN CALIFORNIA

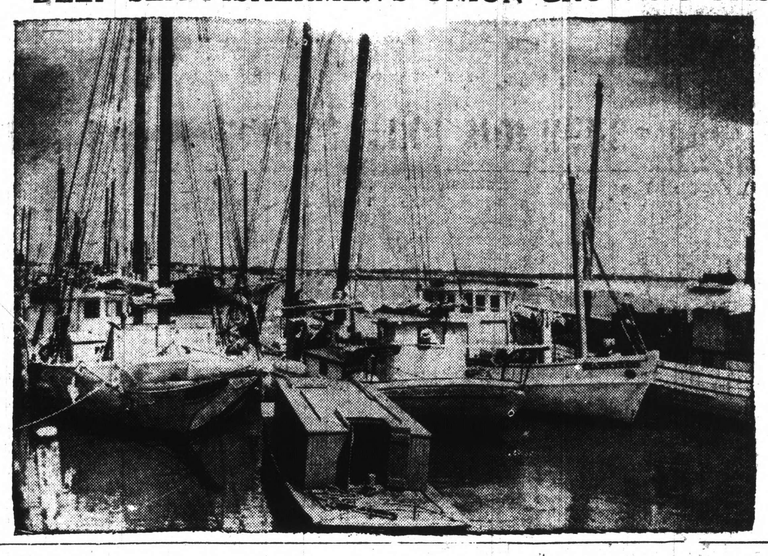


PHOTO SHOWS FISHING BOATS at San Pedro about to put to sea. The Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermens Union, affiliate of the A.F.L., has won important gains for the fishermen off the California coast. It has been leading a strike in Monterey for union recognition. The San Pedro branch in a recent resolution blasted Italian and German Fascist intervention against the Spanish people.

NEWS GUILD IS FORGING ON IN PAPERS OF L. A.

Plenty of Threats By Publishers, But Growth Is Made

LOS ANGELES—Several years ago, the American Newspaper Guild, then an embryonic organization, secured a few members in Los Angeles. The members were soon called into city editors' sanctums, and told:

"I will never fire you for Guild activities. But, misplaced commas, misspelled words or lateness are good excuses for hiring someone else in your place."

Since then the A.N.G. has grown, has joined the ranks of the A.F.L., has won several important strikes, climaxed last week with the victory in Milwaukee. Now, with the loyal cooperation of Seattle labor, the Guild is winning a stunning victory in Seattle.

Interest Grows

Newspaper men in Los Angeles, feeling the Guild's strength and, what is more, the growing strength of all of Los Angeles labor behind the Guild, are showing interest once again in the Guild, and many have already become members. During the Seattle and Milwaukee strikes, for example, many newspaper men on local Hearst papers sent funds to the striking men on the Hearst papers in those cities.

This attempt at Guild organization will not end so abruptly. All labor is better organized to stand behind the Guild. Hearst knows this and the Daily Variety tells what Hearst is doing about it:

"Deep interest being shown by Hearst's Examiner in affairs of the American Legion is taken by many to indicate that Hearst may some day ask the Legion to support him. Hearst's newspapers are right now having serious labor troubles, particularly with editorial workers. The Guild won the terms demanded in its strike on the Wisconsin News, Hearst paper in Milwaukee, and has succeeded in closing down Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Newspaper men in Los Angeles are showing interest in the Guild, many have secretly become members. . . Examiner is now carrying column of American Legion news daily under caption, "Squads Right," by Walter Naughton."

Filling Station Union Signs Oil Co.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Filling Station Union 19570 has organized the first oil company here. This is the Mohawk Oil Co. A campaign to organize other oil companies is under way.

Build the circulation of the Western Worker.

Brewery Union Asserts Right To Drivers

SAN FRANCISCO.—The 26th annual convention of the Brewery Workers International, which held its sessions in San Francisco last week, took up the sore question of brewery truck drivers, and repeated its stand that they belong to the Brewery Workers jurisdiction.

The Teamsters International has for years tried to grab these workers, often calling strikes against the Brewery Workers International.

Joseph Obergfelt, secretary of the Brewery Workers International, pointed out that brewery truck drivers may be called on at any time to work inside the plant as craftsmen.

Obergfelt pointed out at the convention that brewery drivers have been under the Brewery Workers jurisdiction since 1886, when the Brewery Workers joined the A.F.L. That jurisdiction was reaffirmed by the 1915 A.F.L. convention.

"We must refuse to surrender that jurisdiction to the Teamsters Union, which insists that our drivers join their group," he said.

Rubber Workers Cheer CIO

AKRON.—Leading figures in the Committee for Industrial Organization and the steel organization campaign flung down the gauntlet of defiance to the American Federation of Labor executive council as they lauded the cause of industrial unionism and brought a message of cheer to the United Rubber Workers of America convention.

The convention, the first since the union was organized, heard Sec. John Brophy of the C.I.O. Pres. Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and Van A. Bittner, director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in the Chicago area. As delegates representing 35,000 members assembled in Akron, they found the main street of the rubber center a mass of color, with flags and welcoming banners fluttering in the breeze. From Fairmont, W. Va., came the Monongahela band of the United Mine Workers of America in fancy uniforms to furnish music for the occasion.

After hearing a report of the growth of the organization and a year's record of 16 strikes with none lost, delegates cheered Brophy who told them: "Your progress proves the contention of the C.I.O. that workers in mass production industries can be organized.

LABOR FILM

"Millions of Us," a labor short produced in Hollywood, has been out for some time, but deserves attention. Moving and effective, it is one that every trade union should show it members.

UNION AID FOR FREEDOM FOR JIM M'NAMARA

48 Prominent A. F. L. Leaders Sign Petition

Hailing the action of 48 trade unionists and liberals in petitioning Governor Frank J. Merriam for the pardon of James B. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt, the National Committee of the International Labor Defense yesterday called for even broader action by trade unions in all parts of the country to this end.

The petition, sent to Governor Merriam last week by Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, New York campaign director of the American Labor Party, asked the release of these two labor prisoners who have been imprisoned, McNamara for 25 years and Schmidt for 21 years, in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in 1910. It was organized by Mrs. Herrick, Clarence Darrow and Lincoln Steffens.

In a statement issued by Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the International Labor Defense, the organization called for the passage of resolutions in trade unions throughout the country, addressed to Governor Merriam, backing the petition for pardon of the two labor men.

"There is no question," Miss Damon said, "that the signing of the petition to Governor Merriam by 48 of the most prominent labor leaders and liberals of the country, indicates a very broad support throughout the entire labor movement, for such a move. This should be expressed by the passage of resolutions in trade union locals and central bodies, urging Governor Merriam to act upon the petition presented to him by Mrs. Herrick.

"Labor solidarity, which brought to the petition such signatures as those of W. D. Mahon, president of the street car workers union; John Fitzpatrick and E. N. Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor, David Dubinsky and Julius Hochman of the I.L.G.W.U; Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated clothing Workers, and other leaders of the trade union movement, should also range behind the petition the broad body of the trade union organizations of the country, from locals to internationals.

Big New Building For E Bay Teamsters With 2200 Members

OAKLAND.—Teamsters Local 70 is to build a fine new $50,000 two-story building at Ninth and West Streets. Work has been started already.

Local 70, with 2,200 members, is the largest local union in Alameda County. The union outgrew its former headquarters.

Role of State Highway Cops Hit By A.F.L.

The passing of the following resolution by the State Federation of Labor Convention is significant in view of the actions of the state highway police in the Salinas strike. The resolution, presented by delegate Buzzell of Los Angeles, follows:

WHEREAS, There has been created in the State of California a Department known as the State Highway Patrol, the personnel of which includes several hundred cycle and motor officers whose duty it is to patrol the highways of the State for the enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act and the protection of the motoring public;

WHEREAS, The Chief of the State Highway Patrol, apparently with the consent of his superiors, has, and is allowing officers of the Highway Patrol to be assigned to various localities of the State where labor disputes are in existence; and

WHEREAS, When assigned to so-called strike duty the officers of the State Highway Patrol act as scab herders and conduct themselves as though they were in the employ of the employer or employers, leaving the State highways, working on private property and otherwise violating the law that creates the State Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, There is every reason to believe that the personnel of the State Highway Patrol when on so-called strike duty, in addition to their regular pay receive bonuses and gratuities from the employers and employer associations, which in the opinion of Organized Labor is equivalent to accepting bribes; and

WHEREAS, The State Highway Patrol in assigning men to strike duty are in effect converting that division of the State Government into a State Constabulary in spite of the fact that the people of this State have at least once voted against the creation of such a constabulary; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the California State Federation of Labor in its Thirty-seventh Convention in Sacramento that it protest against the arbitrary establishment of the Highway Patrol as an adjunct of the employers' association of the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Federation submit a proposal to the coming session of the California State Legislature to institute a legislative investigation of the State Highway Patrol to determine:

1. What arrangements and what correspondence took place between the State Highway Patrol headquarters and officials and the employers' associations of the various communities where patrolmen have been assigned to so-called strike duty.

2. To subpoena witnesses and take evidence concerning bounties, bonuses, or gratuities that may have been paid by private citizens or corporations to members of the Highway Patrol.

3. And if these conditions, which the Organized Labor movement of this State believe exist, are found, that the Legislature will immediately start prosecutions of the officers who have accepted gifts of any kind and those who have made such gifts; be it further

RESOLVED, That the officers of this Federation immediately take steps to stop the payment of the salaries and expenses of the highway patrolmen who have been assigned to so-called strike duty during all of time the records show that they were on such an assignment.

SAN JOSE LABOR COUNCIL ON RECORD ENDORSING THE BENSON-AMLIE YOUTH BILL

Calls On State Legislature To Pass Similar Legislation for Aid of Young Generation of America

SAN JOSE—The San Jose Central Labor Council, at its last regular meeting, passed a resolution endorsing the American Youth Act and calling on the state Legislature to pass a similar state law pending enactment of the Amlie-Benson Bill by Congress. After a brief explanatory talk by Lloyd Lehman, he resolution was adopted unanimously.

A week before this the Council unanimously passed a resolution on vigilantism, requesting that the now convened State Federation of Labor call conference to consider measures of effective action against terroristic bodies.

At the last meeting the Council was addressed by Caspar Bauer. He gave a talk on the present internal troubles of the A.F.L., drawing an analogy between the controversy of the A. F.L. executive council and the C.I.O. and the difference between the San Jose Labor Council and the San Jose Building Trades Council.

He made an earnest plea that the Central Labor Council exert every effort to preserve unity of action between the two bodies, demonstrating that Fascistic developments both locally and nationally demand a united front if labor is to survive.

Deep Sea Union Boosts Pay

SAN PEDRO.—Solidarity of its membership won an increase in sardine prices for the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union.

Increase of sardine prices to $10 a ton is the new scale, and agreements with 23 Pacific Coast plants have been signed to that affect.

San Francisco is now practically entirely organized by the Deep Sea Union, as is San Pedro. Monterey is the only West Coast port not yet completely organized, and it is being cracked by the union.

The union is the only A.F.L. union fishing off the California coast.

Knox In Veiled Slam At Strike

SEATTLE.—William Randolph Hearst pulls the strings on Landon and Knox all right. If there were any doubt of it left, Knox's remarks on the News Guild's strike against the Hearst Post-Intelligencer should remove it.

Knox attacked the Labor Relations Board because it is holding hearings on the strike causes. "I believe in collective bargaining," he said, "but I do not believe in government coercion in labor relations."

There has been no such coercion in this strike, but what makes Knox sore is that the hearings have revealed real coercion by the Hearst management against the right to organize.

CAL. AFL MEET STIRRED BY THE SALINAS FIGHT

Casey Called for U.S. Boycott of Lettuce From Strike Area

SACRAMENTO—Any officials or delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention last week who were inclined to soft-peddle on Salinas found plenty of pressure put on them. A lot of it came right from the scene of battle in Salinas.

Telegrams poured in from the lettuce area. Joe Cosey, California organizer for the A.F.L., called for making lettuce from the Salinas area "hot cargo," and making it so throughout the country.

He said he was going to Chicago to prevail on organized labor there to "let lettuce rot in the cars."

"They yell about hot cargo," Casey said. "But there are no other ways of handling strikes of this kind. Labor has to resort to these things."

The delegates to the convention got a vivid picture of the terror, directed by the state highway police and growers' deputized vigilantes, a picture presented to them in telegrams from union officials in Salinas.

Here are a few samples of such telegrams:

"Mrs. Louis Ferris, care State Federation: Notify convention highway patrolmen going up and down street gassing strikers. Several babies have been taken from homes to hospitals unconscious from gas fumes. Illegal arrests taking place. We urge immediate action.

EARL MONTGOMERY.

"Edward Vandeleur, executive secretary, State Federation: State highway patrolmen marching. Heavy order, gas masks, down Gablian street. Police converging on strikers. Gablian is not a State highway. Riot guns, bombs galore, County Sheriff not feeding prisoners. Fruit and Vegetable Workers of California by A. S. DOSS.

"Edward Vandeleur: Critical situation in Salinas. Special police and highway patrol inciting acts of violence. Several arrests. Vigilantes gathering. Bert Storm, shipper, purchased 30 shotguns today. Please ask President and Governor to make immediate investigation. Hurry.

ROBERT McWILLIAMS.

"Edward Vandeleur: Your immediate attention to wholesale arrests. Attorney needed immediately. Implore you for assistance. Fruit and Vegetable Workers. A. S. DOSS."

San Jose Bartenders Good Example of Cal Union Growth

SAN JOSE—How unions are growing in California is illustrated by the steady gains of the Bartenders and Culinary Workers Union, local 180, here.

In the past 6 months the local's membership has gone up from 136 to about 280. In August alone 65 new members were initiated. Progressive elements in the union, putting forward progressive views, have stimulated this growth.

Fish Cannery Union Getting There

SAN PEDRO.—Membership in the Fish Cannery Workers Union here is growing fast, the union reports. Many are signing up due to the reduced initiation fee, effective until October 1.

THE BACKGROUND OF THE STRIKE OF 4000 SALINAS LETTUCE WORKERS—FORCED BY THE EMPLOYERS ARROGANCE

Agreements in the lettuce industry between the Grower Shipper Association and the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union expired the night of August 31st. No new agreements have been made and the Arbitration Board for Monterey County died with the agreement. The Union put forward certain demands including a small wage increase, equal pay for men and women, and preferential hiring; the employers countered with the usual arguments that they cannot have freedom if the union can insist on workers being union members.

The union countered with the argument that if they do not have preferential hiring (which is not closed shop) the employers will bring in cheap labor from other areas and so cut wages and have potential strike-breakers on hand.

The union can back up its argument with facts: union men have been discharged in favor of non-union workers from other parts. Several union men laid off when one shed closed for a few days were promised work when the shed reopened; but on the reopening of the shed thess men were told that, sorry, there was no work for them.

Meanwhile the employers had been working full-steam ahead—more than they usually do at this period, ten days before the "snow" (the peak of the lettuce season)—and had been filling sheds and trucks with lettuce too soft, not yet ready for shipping.

Railroad sidings were filled with trucks.

On August 28th last the Salinas Morning Post carried two full-page advertisements, one from the Grower-Shipper Association and the other by the Citizens' Association of the Salinas Valley. This in spite of the fact that there had been an agreement that no release would be made to the press by either side without the other side first seeing and confirming it.

Technically an advertisement is not a release to the press; nevertheless an advertisement can make misleading statements which workers are not usually able to answer in like manner, since they do not have the wealth the lettuce growers, shippers, contractors and bankers have.

The tenor of both advertisements, addressed to workers, was to make them suspicious of a "small, radical, militant minority," not really representative and democratic, a "rule or ruin" element which doesn't care about the welfare of the workers but only for its own domination. An "un-American reclacitrant minority," "barren of civic consciousness". . . etc. etc. The old, dried-up, time-worn cliches, as withered as a two-week old lettuce.

The truth is that the Union is a completely democratic body, with members elected from every shed and packing plant on the committees, with the organization committee democratically elected; the truth is that a small fraction of the employers, known as the "Unholy Thirteen" (although actually only four are completely reactionary die-hards, who don't want any union, American or un-American), wanted to dominate the negotiations and refuse preferential hiring.

A number of the employers are quite willing to accept the preferential hiring clause; they have experienced, just as have the shipowners in San Francisco, that organized union men are efficient.